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Carnival site raises concerns

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WILMINGTON - It would seem appropriate for the Fourth of July Carnival to be set up next to the Fourth of July building, but not everyone agrees.

Resident Kathy O'Donoghue had a few choice words for the Crier with concerns about lack of porta-potties and handicapped spaces to how having the carnival within feet of where she lives might impact her 160 year-old home.

In addition, there are several trees that may be impacted, according to O'Donoghue.

"How are you going to keep fifty-thousand people from encroaching on my home?" asked O'Donoghue. The carnival, which had been run

on the field at Wilmington High School for several years, had been moved over to the Shriners Auditorium in 2013. Even after backlash around noise, parking and crowds from nearby Wilmington residents and neighboring towns such as North Reading, the Shriners generously agreed to allow the carnival to be held on their property in 2014 as well due to continued construction of the new high school which was opened in February of 2015.

Now that the high school is complete, it has been determined that having the carnival there could adversely impact the new athletic field.

Chairman of the Fourth of July Committee Scott Garrant put together the plan for the carnival to be set up in the old Swain School

parking lot next to the Fourth of July building location.

"The Shriners have graciously allowed us to have the carnival at their property for two years," said Garrant, "But now we feel that having it near the Common makes it more of a home town event," adding, "The celebration is important to the community."

When asked about the process for setting up a carnival in such a small setting, Garrant told the Crier that after speaking with Town officials, police, fire department and the DPW, it was determined that the best place for five day event is the Swain School/Fourth of July building parking lot.

There was speculation from residents that carnival personnel would need to drill holes in the

parking lot in order to secure equipment, however Garrant maintains that this is "not correct."

"The carnival can be set up without stakes," said Garrant.

"[The Fourth of July Committee] went to the Boards [of Appeals and Selectmen] in 2013, and became aware of concerns of residents and the board as well as public safety officials," said Garrant.

"Whenever we have an event like this, state inspectors come in and check everything," said Garrant.

When asked about police presence during the event, Garrant told the Crier, "We will have a police presence at all times during the event, on foot, in police cars and on bicycles."

A Board of Appeals hearing, originally scheduled for December 9th

has been moved to January 13, 2016. The Crier spoke with Toni La Rivee.

"The hearing will involve both the Fourth of July festivities and the Tresca Brothers request for Eames Street, so it's going to be a long night," said LaRivee.

According to La Rivee, the Fourth of July Committee is applying for a Special Permit for the carnival to be held at the old Swain School/Fourth of July building parking lot. At least 50 abutters have been notified, including Wildwood Street residents.

The hearing will provide residents with an opportunity to express concerns. Residents do not, however, actually get to vote on the matter. This is a Board of Appeals meeting and the members of the board make the decision.



Recently moved to Wilmington from Melrose to be closer to work and a better school system for Emily, Gideon and Lindsay Viana love their new home in Wilmington and joined many other "New to Wilmington Families" at the Wilmington Public Library / Chamber of Commerce event to become acquainted with what their new town has to offer. BruceHilliard.com

Holiday events all weekend

Santa coming to your neighborhood!

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WILMINGTON - On Saturday December 5 listen for sirens and Christmas music as a parade of police cars and fire trucks take Santa Claus for what should prove to be an exciting tour of Wilmington! Santa's tour of the Town will leave the Public Safety building at approximately 10 AM.

Santa's tentative route will visit the following areas (times are approximate). His schedule is as follows:

Between 10:00-10:30 am: Metro Apartment Complex (Burlington Ave.), Harris Street, Grand Street, Amherst Street, Shawsheen Ave., Sherburn Place, Jacquith Road, Houghton

Road, Wilton Drive, Hopkins Street, Shawsheen Commons, Nichols Street, Grace Drive, Harold Street, and Reed Street.

10:30-11:00 am: Aldrich Rd, Apache Way, Bailey Rd, Boutwell St, Taft Rd, Roosevelt Rd, Burlington Ave, Dell Dr, Swain Rd, Forest St, Edwards Rd, Sherwood Rd, Deming Way, Chestnut St, Marion St, Towpath Dr, Apple Tree Ln, Butters Row, Elizabeth Dr

11:00 -1130 pm: Chestnut St, Mill Road, Hillside Way, Navaho Road, Main Street to Lowell Street, Molloy Road, Allen Park Drive, Sheldon Ave., Parker Street, Main Street towards Tewksbury, Wilmington Plaza, Wisser Street, Hobson Ave, Pine Ave,

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Toxic toys pose peril

This Christmas be careful about the toys under your tree

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LOWELL - According to MASSPIRG's 30th annual Trouble in Toyland report, the threat of toxic toys still looms large on America's retail shelves. Popular brands like Disney, Slinky, Marshall's, and Dollar Tree have items parents may want to reconsider under their tree this Christmas.

The survey of potentially hazardous toys found that, despite recent progress, consumers must still be wary when shopping this holiday season.

Recently, Channel 7 News reported a hovercraft toy that exploded causing a home to go up in flames. Fortunately, the child was not in direct contact with the toy at the time of the explosion, which occurred while being charged for use.

A news conference spearheaded by MASSPIRG (Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group) on Tuesday, November 24, in Lowell identified 22 potentially hazardous toys.

"The message today is clear," began Manwaring, "We need to protect our youngest consumers from unsafe toys."



Professor Ainat Koren from UMass Lowell Center for Health Promotion and Research and keynote speaker at the Masspirg 30th annual Trouble in Toyland press conference, showing the various balloon toys that you may not want your kids to have. BruceHilliard.com

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Local firm could help fight terror

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WILMINGTON
Wilmington-based Rigaku Analytical Devices won an R&D Magazine 100 Award for its handheld Raman analyzer Progeny™ ResQ™. The prestigious award recognizes the Progeny™ ResQ™ analyzer as one of the 100 most innovative products of 2015 by R&D 100 Magazine.

Progeny™ ResQ™, a handheld Raman analyzer for chemical detection, was selected as one of R&D Magazine's list of the top 100 innovative products of 2015 in the Analytical/Test category for the 2015 R&D 100 Awards.

The winners, selected by an independent judging panel and the editors of R&D Magazine, were announced on November 13, 2015 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

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The Wilmington Wildcat Marching Band performs during the third quarter of the Thanksgiving Day game.

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Terry McDermott, Curator of the Town Museum and Diane Harvey decorated the Harnden Tavern for their annual holiday social which will be held on Saturday December 6th from 1-4.

Photo by Maureen Brady



Caitlin Riley played violin in the Wilmington High School Orchestra's winter performance on Tuesday evening.

Photo by Maureen Brady

Start the season with old-fashioned flair Holiday Social at the Harnden Tavern

WILMINGTON - This Sunday join history buffs and families for the annual Holiday Social at the Harnden Tavern, from 1 - 4PM.

The Town Museum at The Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem Street, will offer holiday decorations, a children's holiday craft room, seasonal music, and refreshments to the community.

The museum suggests a donation of \$5 per person or \$15 for a family.

74 years ago

A South Pacific voyage, after Pearl Harbor

Editor's note: The late Capt. Larz Neilson was a Merchant Marine officer for the American - Hawaiian Steamship Co. from 1930 to 1947. He founded the Town Crier in 1955.

BY CAPT LARZ NEILSON

Larz was in Wilmington on Pearl Harbor day, 1941 — Wilmington, North Carolina. The SS Carolinian, of which he was chief mate, docked in that port just before 10 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941. Longshoremen came aboard and began to discharge cargo.

At 12:30, Larz went to lunch. Some time after 1 p.m., he was back in his office. He turned on his radio.

A very excited news reporter was telling of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Larz stuck his head out the port-hole. The longshore boss was standing nearby.

"Hey, the Japanese are bombing Pearl Harbor!" "What's that?" asked the boss.

His was probably a typical question of the time. Few people had heard of Pearl Harbor before the Japanese attack.

Larz took a train home to Wilmington, Massachusetts, and five days later, he married Elizabeth Norton. He then returned to North Carolina.

The Carolinian then sailed to San Diego, Los Angeles and then San Francisco. A large freighter owned by the American - Hawaiian

Steamship Co., it was not a military vessel, but a merchant vessel. The officers and crew were company employees.

Capt. Charles Foster went to the company offices. When he returned, he said the ship had just been taken over by the U.S. Army. The officers and crew would stay with the ship, but the Army was in charge.

Shortly thereafter, Larz called home. "Come on out," was the message for his bride. "We are going to spend a month or so in San Francisco." Elizabeth Neilson arrived six days later. Larz and Elizabeth rented an apartment. It was as much of a honeymoon as was possible, in wartime.

Meanwhile, the Carolinian was sitting at a pier, doing nothing. Then cargo began to arrive, a little bit every now and then. Almost every day, the ship would "work" cargo, 200 or 300 tons at a time. No one knew what was happening, or what the next item would be. The efficiency and bustle of the pre-war days was missing.

One day, 300 tons of ammunition arrived. It was loaded into the lower hold of the Number Three hatch, next to the boiler room, the worst place for explosives.

Larz went to the dock office to protest. But he was told that the Army was loading the ship, and the ammunition stayed.

Then the Army sent down 100 Jeeps, and they were loaded. An Army captain came down to the dock, driv-

ing a Jeep. He went into the office to deliver a message. When he came out, his Jeep was gone.

Too bad! There were now 101 Jeeps.

The Carolinian sailed for an unknown destination on the same day the apartment lease expired. After about 20 days, she arrived at Wellington, New Zealand. A message boat delivered orders to go to Brisbane, Australia. At that port was an introduction to a new kind of union agreement.

There were two docks along the riverside. Opposite each dock was a "hotel," meaning a bar. The union agreement was that ships would alternate at the two docks, so the owners could share the income from the sale of beer to longshoremen. There was 15 minutes every morning at 10, so the longshoremen could "drink their breakfast." But it took 20 minutes.

All the cargo was delivered at Brisbane, including that 101st Jeep. No one complained about an extra.

Then the ship was "invasion loaded," meaning the most important items would be the first out, during an invasion. The Carolinian was about to participate in the invasion of New Caledonia, a French-owned island about 600 miles northeast of Brisbane. It is a land of many mountains, with minerals that both the Japanese and the Americans could use. The U.S. just had to get there first.

The harbor at Noumea was big, five miles wide and five miles long. But there was only one cargo pier, so the ships were unloaded.

The American soldiers on shore were all National Guardsmen, and two of the companies were from Woburn, Massachusetts. National Guard captain from Ohio was in charge of the pier. He knew nothing about handling cargo, he was not having an easy time.

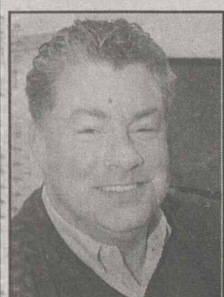
Things changed when the Carolinian docked. Larz turned out, could get some things done because he could speak French. National Guard was using local residents as labor. When the longshoremen came on board, Larz could always find someone who could speak French. He would take that man in from one hatch to another speaking in French. The information would be passed on to the longshoremen. The cargo was taken off the ship smoothly.

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her own (usually pre-tax) money and the company matches some of the contribution.

Many companies today are closing their pension plans and offering the workers a lump-sum payment or an annuity. Generally the annuity will pay the same monthly benefit as the pension. Any lump sum offered is calculated to be the present value of those monthly payments.

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The film screenings are free and include complimentary candy and bottled water:

- On Tuesday, December 1, 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Inside Out**, a PG-rated animated comedy adventure. After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.

- On Wednesday, December 2, 10:30am, enjoy a screening of **The Gift**, an R-rated mystery thriller, starring Jason Bateman and Rebecca Hall. A young married couple's lives are thrown into a harrowing tailspin when an acquaintance from the husband's past brings mysterious gifts and a horrifying secret to light after more than 20 years.

- On Thursday, December 3, 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Terminator Genisys**, a PG-13-rated sci-fi action adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. When John Connor, leader of the human resistance, sends Sgt. Kyle Reese back to 1984 to protect Sarah Connor and safeguard the future, an unexpected turn of events creates a fractured timeline.

- On Tuesday, December 8, 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Minions**, a PG-rated animated comedy adventure. Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlett Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world.

- On Wednesday, December 9, 10:30am, enjoy a screening of **Mr. Holmes**, a PG-rated mystery, starring Ian McKellan and Laura Linney. An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes, deals with early dementia, as he tries to remember his final case and a woman, the memory of whom still haunts him. He also befriends a fan, the young son of his housekeeper, who wants him to work again.

- On Thursday, December 10 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Ant-Man**, a PG-13-rated sci-fi action adventure, starring Paul Rudd and Michael Douglas. Armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, cat burglar Scott Lang must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym, plan and pull off a heist that will save the world.

- On Friday, December 11 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Trainwreck**, an R-rated raunchy romantic comedy, starring Amy Schumer and Bill Hader. Having thought that monogamy was never possible, a commitment-phobic career woman may have to face her fears when she meets a good guy.

- On Tuesday, December 15 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Mission: Impossible -- Rogue Nation**, a PG-13-rated action adven-

ture thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Jeremy Renner. Ethan and team take on their most impossible mission yet, eradicating the Syndicate - an International rogue organization as highly skilled as they are, committed to destroying the IMF.

- On Thursday, December 17 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **The Maze Runner -- Scorch Trials**, a PG-13-rated sci-fi action thriller, starring Dylan O'Brien. After having escaped the Maze, the Gladers now face a new set of challenges on the open roads of a desolate landscape filled with unimaginable obstacles.

- On Friday, December 18 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Ted 2**, an R-rated raunchy comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg. Newlywed couple Ted and Tami-Lynn want to have a baby, but in order to qualify to be a parent, Ted will have to prove he's a person in a court of law.

- On Tuesday, December 22 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **Black Mass**, an R-rated biographical crime drama, starring Johnny Depp. The true story of Whitey Bulger, the brother of a state senator and the most infamous violent criminal in the history of South Boston, who became an FBI informant to take down a Mafia family invading his turf.

- On Wednesday, December 23 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of **Fantastic 4**, a PG-13-rated sci-fi action adventure, starring Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara, and Jamie Bell. Four young outsiders teleport to an alternate and dangerous universe which alters their physical form in shocking ways. The four must learn to harness their new abilities and work together to save Earth from a former friend turned enemy.

- On Tuesday, December 29 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of **A Walk In The Woods**, an R-rated adventure, starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte, based on the Bill Bryson bestselling book. After spending two decades in England, Bill Bryson returns to the U.S., where he decides the best way to connect with his homeland is to hike the Appalachian Trail with one of his oldest friends.

- On Wednesday, December 30 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of **Pan**, a PG-rated adventure fantasy, starring Levi Miller and Hugh Jackman. 12-year-old orphan Peter is spirited away to the magical world of Neverland, where he finds both fun and danger, and ultimately discovers his destiny -- to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

Screenings are open to all ages, but we ask parents to be mindful of each film's rating. All attendees are expected to be able to sit still during the entire film and not be disruptive to fellow moviegoers.

All film screenings take place in the library's first-floor, handicap-accessible Meeting Room.

This program series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library and Tewksbury Lions Club.



Frank McGuire The Executive Director of Bayberry at Emerald Court, a Northbridge Assisted Living Community in Tewksbury is holding one of many apple pies made and donated by Mirabella's Bakery for raffle prizes winners. The Tewksbury Trivia Contest was tough but many contestants did very well and took a delicious apple pie home for the holidays. With Frank McGuire is Marketing Director Kristen Woulfe, Area Liaison Diane Robinson, Bayberry resident Ann Mariano with Linda Coupal and Leah Rizzuto! BruceHilliard.com

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Non-profit seeks \$1M to aid Yentile Recreational project

Friends of 9 Cross Street will be at Festival of Trees

WILMINGTON -- The Friends of 9 Cross Street officially kicks off its goal of raising \$1 Million towards the cost of the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. The Friends will be at the WOW Festival of Trees on December 5th & 6th.

The Yentile Farm Recreational Facility will be a \$4.8 million recreational destination for Wilmington. This signature park will include an artificial turf field, walking trails, an exciting multi-age playground, basketball/street hockey courts, picnic pavilion, and an open event green. The site includes concession space, restrooms, and parking for over 100 cars onsite. The new park will be located on Cross Street. Construction is expected to begin in March of 2016.

The Not-for-Profit group was formed earlier this year as a private volunteer group with the goal of raising funds for the development of the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. Committee members include Ed Riekstins, Kevin Caira, Daniel Bamberg, Mike Gracia, Ed Loud, JoMarie O'Mahoney and Robert Hayes.

Fundraising efforts will primarily be in the form of donations and naming rights for a variety of items included in the development.

These include naming rights for the turf field, pavilion, basketball/street hockey courts, park benches, trees and engraved bricks among other funding opportunities. The Friends is also launching a website which will include a project description, and the ability to make on-line donations.

The group is not quite ready for prime time fund raising efforts, but the offer from We are One Wilmington to have a table at their annual Festival of Trees fundraiser was hard to turn down. The Friends of 9 Cross Street will have a table for the entire event and will be taking reservations for donations including engraved bricks, which will be installed in the park and would make a memorable gift for the Holidays.

Riekstins stated that the interest from the community has been very encouraging and in speaking before several groups already including WOW, Wilmington Youth Soccer and Lacrosse he feels confident that raising funds in the form of donations from corporations, groups in Town and individuals will be successful. Please stop by the Friends of Nine Cross Street table on December 5th and 6th at We Are One Wilmington's annual Festival of Trees at Villa Nova Hall.



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From: The Editors Desk

by Jayne W. Miller

What is a gift?

Merriam-Webster defines 'gift' as "something voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation."

This time of year, the silly season as some might call it, many of us are frenzied trying to find that 'just-right' gift. We often ask our friends and loved ones what they want for Christmas. We ask our children to make lists to Santa, so that jolly elf will have more insight than his omniscience typically affords.

Excepting children, why do we ask for lists? Is it to make an obligatory offering annually, to show we care? Perhaps.

I had a conversation with a friend the other day and asked him what he was getting his wife and if it was something she wanted. He was nonplussed.

He told me that if he just gives her something she asks for then it's not really a gift. That as a husband, it's his job to find a gift that means the most to her.

I was blown away. Until that moment I was asking my family, my friends, and the occasional grocery store clerk, what do you want, what's on your list this year, what would you like? I had misplaced thoughtfulness in my desire to achieve gift-giving success.

The saying goes, "It's the thought that counts." A gift is that thought in action, and it's that action that means the most to the recipient. The value of the gift is more than the intrinsic value of the thing itself, rather its enhanced by the person that gives it to you and the relationship between you. Like the friend who brings you a scarf from a trip to Spain, and you know that for a small time you were thought of. Or the wedding gift given 19 years ago of nesting glass bowls that you still use every day, and nearly always remember the couple that gave it though you haven't seen them in years (thanks again Ryan and Allison - Thinking of you!).

Sometimes the best gift is the one for which the recipient would never have asked. Sometimes the best gift is simpler than you thought. I know of one mom who is giving her children the gift of sobriety by checking into rehab. I know another person who gave her children the gift of speaking up to right a wrong. Or the manager that gave a job to someone who really needed it.

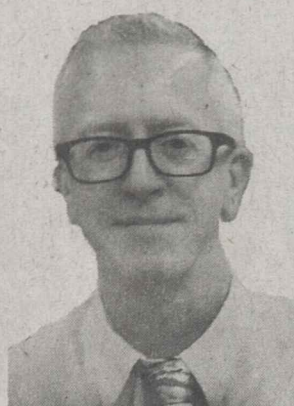
These aren't items that can go under a tree. They cannot be wrapped and beribboned and ripped open with joy. But they still bring joy in a very real, if intangible, way.

All year long the Crier runs stories highlighting the "Spirit of giving" that we see in our communities every day, seasonal or not. We want to highlight the extraordinary work done by ordinary people. Through this effort we learned much about the generosity we see in both towns, the Christmas spirit reflected in each town is a mirror of the community, and lasts long beyond the Silly Season.

Tuesday was Giving Tuesday (following Black Friday and the obnoxiously named 'Cyber' Monday). In our communities so many organizations raise funds to help people in a range of ways. From the Police Athletic League, Liam Nation, We're One Wilmington, The Tewksbury Community Pantry, the Wilmington Community Fund, the Wilmington Kiwanis Club, Local Heroes, the Lions, Rotary, local churches, Tewksbury Habitat Build, WEF, TEF, and any school PAC... there are dozens of organizations working right here in our community, benefitting our neighbors.

My wish to readers this year is that each of you will take time to think about what you can give to local charities in your holiday gift giving this year, and remember that an ordinary gift from you may be extraordinary to someone else.

Merry Christmas



Like Sands Through the Hourglass

by Scott Muldowney

The soap opera Days of Our Lives has been broadcast on television for 50 years, and I've been watching every day for the same amount of time. My addiction started innocently enough back in 1965 during the first season of the show.

In fact, my mom is the one who inadvertently got me hooked.

Days of Our Lives aired at 2:00 pm. Back then it was a half hour show. I would arrive home from school, grab my snack of milk and cookies, and sit in the living room on our bright blue polyester Danish modern sofa (very big in the sixties).

Our 19-inch black and white portable television rested on a thin metal stand with rickety wheels (a safety hazard by today's standards). The television could be easily swung around into the kitchen doorway so my mom (and I) could watch Merv Griffin at 4pm while she prepared dinner.

Every day after school, I would eat my snack and watch the television while my mother asked me how my day was. She had no idea I was more interested in the last fifteen minutes of Days of our Lives than anything that happened in school. I am sure my mom thought the storyline of the afternoon soap opera was going right over my head. Instead, I was getting quite an education on life, love and most of all - drama.

I wasn't quite sure of all the logistics involved, but I knew it was a shameful secret that Laura Horton was pregnant with Mickey Horton's child even though she was married to Mickey's brother Bill.

If that scandal wasn't bad enough, Marie Horton found out that the man she was dating was her long-lost brother who was presumed dead during the Korean War but in reality was given a new face by a Russian doctor before returning to town with amnesia. A horrified Marie joined a convent and became a nun to ease her anguish.

Things really heated up years later when Doug Williams married Addie Horton and proceeded to fall in love with Addie's daughter Julie. Lots of heartbreaking

angst ensued until Addie was hit by a car while walking baby Hope in her stroller, leaving a grief stricken Doug and Julie to raise Hope while keeping Addie's memory alive. Ah, the good old Days.

I continued watching the last half of the show all through grade school and high-school. Soap opera plots move very slowly, so it isn't necessary to view every episode every day, although there is a certain mind-numbing comfort in that. With the invention of the VCR, I was able to record the show every day when I finished school and began my career. My wife was not a soap opera fan before we got married, but after watching a few episodes with me, she became a convert as well. We've stuck with the show despite the comings and goings of many bad actors and stretches of absurd storylines (the best of the worst includes the demonic possession of Dr. Marlena Evans).

Days of Our Lives is more than a television show in my family; it's an institution. In fact, my oldest son claims to have soothing pre-natal memories of hearing the soap opera's classic theme song, with it's rushing crescendo followed by the voice of MacDonald Carry reciting his famous introduction "Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives..."

At fifty years old, the show still scores high ratings. The writing, acting and directing are better than ever (The current Neck-Tie Killer storyline is...killer.) I've lived with these characters all my life. I've witnessed their births, weddings, deaths and everything in between. These emotionally charged residents of the fictitious town of Salem are more than just players in an over-the-top daytime drama. These people are in my living room on a daily basis, no matter what is going on in my own life, which (usually) pales in comparison to what these characters are going through.

For 50 years, Days of Our Lives has touched the hearts of millions of people. These characters are like family - dysfunctional, flawed, imperfect - but I love them anyway. Here's to another 50 years of drama. I hope I'm still watching during the 100th anniversary.



Let's Talk About Hearing

by Lolly Wigall

Special gift or reaching for straws

As we head into December, most of us are concerned about shopping for gifts for our family and friends. Some of us celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, St.

Nicholas Day, or Kwanzaa. Gift giving is so popular we have Black Friday where we mob the stores either by foot traffic or by the internet. Purchasing gifts for others is big business.

My mailbox has been flooded with catalogs where I can purchase items for others and have them shipped for free to their home or business. Most of these catalogs are from stores that I have never purchased items. And, what is amazing, I often receive catalogs from the same companies several times. Most of the time, I glance through them and then put them into the recycle bin.

In some of the catalogs I saw amplifiers to help a person hear the television clearly. There were pictures of amplifiers that are rechargeable and do not need batteries. Some of these devices remind me of the canal hearing aids that were first introduced in the 1980's. To me they look antiquated, and out of date. But, then of course

I am in the profession, so I have an opinion. One thing these devices had going for them was their price tag. They are cheap.

If you are thinking of purchasing one of these amplifiers for yourself or a family member, please have a hearing test by an audiologist first. Talk to the professional about options for hearing aids. Hearing aids come in all price ranges. True, they are more expensive than the catalog ones, but they are better technology. Many clinics have payment plan options. Some insurance companies offer a discount plan, or financial payments towards hearing aids.

Being able to hear family and friends is definitely a special gift. The original equipment is definitely better than hearing aids, but hearing aids are just that - aids. Having the ability to carry on conversations at dinner is priceless. If a parent is not hearing well, it is a priceless gift for family members to "go together" and purchase aids for their parents. Being part of the conversations is more valuable than the holiday sweater that Dad or Mom will wear once a year.



Letters to the editor

Family Thank's community for help after house fire

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Micayla Trautman and Theresa Firicano for the quick actions to call 911 to report our home on fire on November 1, 2015.

We would like to also thank the quick response of the Wilmington and North Reading Fire Departments for saving our home.

We are lucky to have such professional and well trained Fire personnel to

protect our community.

The quick thinking of our neighbor, Shawn Murphy, saved our beloved dogs Danika and Pepperoni.

The support of our family, friends, neighbors and coworkers of the Town of Wilmington has been overwhelming and we are truly blessed to be part of a great community.

Kristin & John Gerhartz
Wilmington

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We're One Wilmington presents Festival of Trees Saturday and Sunday

WILMINGTON - Join neighbors and friends this weekend! We're One Wilmington (WOW) is thrilled for the 5th Annual Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 5th from 9AM to 9PM and Sunday, December 6th from 9AM to 3PM at Villanova Hall, 126 Middlesex Avenue in Wilmington. This free, family-friendly event will feature a raffle of spectacular holiday trees, wreaths and baskets. Ribbons will be awarded for donations in the following categories: Best Use of Theme, Best Mini/Tabletop Tree, Best Wreath, Most Creative/Unique Tree and Best in Show. WOW will make monetary donations to the Wilmington non-profit of choice in the names of the donors of the winning trees. A terrific schedule of entertainment and vendors is lined up, in addition to appearances from Mrs. Claus throughout the weekend.

Saturday, December 5, 2015

All Day: Yentile Farms Recreational Facility Development Fundraiser, Friends of 9 Cross St. Opportunities include donations and naming rights for the turf field, pavilion, basketball courts, park benches, trees and engraved bricks!
All Day: Wilmington Substance Abuse Drive Drop Box
9am-7pm: Poinsettia and Homemade Ornament Sale, Eagle Scout Fundraiser, Troop 56. Proceeds will be used to revamp two meeting rooms at St. Thomas Church
9am-3pm: Annual Wilmington Ornament Fundraiser Proceeds benefit Wilmington Community Fund
10:30-11am: Elisabeth Hayduk (West, Grade 5) and Oksana Gorokhovskiy - Violin
11:30-12:30pm: Laine Stockman (North, Grade 5) - Piano
1-9pm: Holiday Wreath Sale, Boy Scouts

Pack 361
1-2pm: Fun Singers, Buzzell Senior Center A Capella Group
2-3pm: Ben Packer (WHS) - Piano
4-4:45pm: Strings Attached Ensemble (WHS)
5-6:30pm: David and Elena Raucci (Creative Arts, Reading) - Viola & Guitar

Fundraising jar to benefit Toys For Tots

Sunday, December 6, 2015

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All Day: Wilmington Substance Abuse Drive Drop Box
All Day: Holiday Wreath Sale, Boy Scouts Pack 361
All Day: Annual Wilmington Ornament Fundraiser Proceeds benefit Wilmington Community Fund
12-1pm: WHS Woodwind Ensemble
1:30-2:00pm: WHS A Capella Groups SoundScape (co-ed a cappella group) Cadence (all-female a cappella group)

Also new this year - a scavenger hunt for the kids! Each completed sheet will be entered into a raffle. Names will be drawn and prizes awarded throughout the weekend!
There also will be baked goods, popcorn and refreshments for sale.
Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase holiday gifts for local families in need and to help fund the WOW high school scholarship program.
Visit our website <http://www.onewilmington.org/> for additional event details.



The Tewksbury Son's of Italy made the rounds in Tewksbury on Monday leaving donations at three locations. The first stop was at the Tewksbury Library where they donated a book about the history of the Son's of Italy in Massachusetts. Next, was a stop at the Center Fire Station to leave a donation for Toys For Tots. They met at Cafe Sicila where they met for lunch and made their third donation to the Tewksbury Food Pantry. (l-r are): Chris Parrella, Debbie Deputat, President of Sons of Italy, Pat Carter, Secretary of Tewksbury Food Pantry, Charlie Coppola, Tony Ippolito, Joe Mazzola and George Iannuzzo.
Photo by Maureen Brady



All the way from Woburn ... Charlie and Amanda Blumenthal with their son Benjamin have found a new home in Wilmington and met with local business and town officials at the Wilmington Public Library / Chamber of Commerce New Homeowners Reception Monday night. Over 50 new families were present.
BruceHilliard.com

Tewksbury Education Fundraiser this Saturday

Tewksbury Education Foundation's (TEF) Barnes and Noble Fundraiser will be held on December 5, from 9am-6 pm at the Barnes and Noble Book Store located at 98 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA.
Do you have holiday shopping to do? Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to the community this giving season? Would your kids be excited to see their principals and teachers on the weekend? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Tewksbury Education Foundation's (TEF) Barnes and Noble Fundraiser is for you.
The TEF is proud to present a magical day of storytelling, music playing and gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in Burlington on December 5th. Highlights of the day include reading time with all of the town's elementary school principals, the displaying of selected artwork from Tewksbury students and a special musical performance by the TMHS band and chorus.
It's important to know that all in-store purchases (including café purchases) made on the 5th (from 9am-11 pm) go back to the TEF as long as you let the cashier at check-out know you are from Tewksbury.
For more information and a detailed agenda of the day, please visit <http://www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us/community.cfm?subpage=1434610>.
If you aren't able to make it to Barnes and Noble on the 5th, you can still help out by shopping at BN.COM/bookfairs online between 12/5/15-12/9/15 and entering bookfair ID #1579638.
Depending on how much money the TEF raises, up to 20 percent of all sales and 100 percent of all gift wrapping donations will go back to the TEF and all Tewksbury Public Schools.

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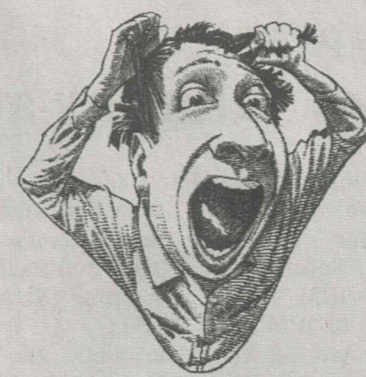
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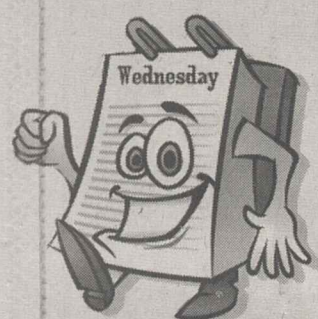
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Wilmington

Knights of Columbus: Knights of Columbus Team Trivia

Friday, December 4 from 8 PM-10 PM

Team Trivia is open to anyone 21+ in the Smoke-Free Members' Lounge. Bring snacks and friends. Teams can range from 1-6 players and there is never a fee. 1st and 2nd prizes are awarded nightly.

Friday, December 25-No karaoke
Friday, January 1-No trivia

Families Anonymous

Every Thursday at 7 PM
United Methodist Church

Families Anonymous is a world-wide 12-step recovery program. Families Anonymous is a support program for people whose lives are affected by the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. No dues or fees are required for membership. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. Advanced notice is not necessary to attend a meeting. Visitors are welcome. For information or questions about this meeting, call 978-973-5645 or 978-408-1646 or email fa.wilmington@hotmail.com. For information about the Families Anonymous program, please visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

Access is Mandatory (AIM)

Tuesdays 9:30 AM-2:30 PM
Knights of Columbus

This event is a great chance to meet new friends and reacquaint with old friends. Spend the day playing games or just talking to people from different communities. A hot lunch is served at noon. There is no fee and the Knights of Columbus Hall is handicap accessible.

44th Annual Santa's Workshop

Thursday, Dec. 3
6-7:30 PM

Santa and his elves have reserved Thursday, December 3 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. to receive wish lists and pose for a quick snapshot with Wilmington boys and girls. Join us in Wilmington Town Hall, Room 9, as we welcome this holiday season.

Don't forget your camera to capture this special moment!

Exhibit at the Wilmington Art Center

Dec. 4-5

The Wilmington Art Center will host an exhibit by current Wilmington Art Center Students, their teachers, and Council members on Dec. 4 and 5. Since 1980, the Wilmington Art Center has offered lessons in watercolors, oils, acrylics, and other mediums to Wilmington residents as well as those from neighboring towns. Friday, Dec. 4 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM will be reception for exhibitors, their friends, and their families. The exhibit will be open on Dec. 5 from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM. The Art Center is proud to show the impressive progress of our students, as well as the talents of our teachers and Arts Council members. We hope you will come and admire their hard work. Many beautiful pieces are offered for sale, making perfect holiday gifts. There is no charge to either the public or entrants. For additional information, contact jeanachang@comcast.net.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Dec. 5
5:30 PM

Visit the Town Common Saturday for the popular annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Free hayrides operate from 4:30 - 6:15 PM. Get photos with Santa Claus, purchase tree ornaments, and donate new, unwrapped toys for Wilmington Children at the Fourth of July Building. Free cookies, hot chocolate, and a capella entertainment. www.funonthefourth.com

Harnden Tavern Holiday Social

Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem Street
Bring the entire family to an old fashioned holiday celebration. Enjoy holiday decorations, a children's holiday craft room, seasonal music, refreshments, and more at Wilmington's eighteenth century house museum. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. For more information, call 978-658-5475.

Wilmington Dance Academy Holiday Black Light Party

Saturday, December 19
6 PM-9 PM

Wilmington Dance Academy
The party will include dancing under the black lights, games, holiday music, glow in the dark nail polish & face paint, and holiday snacks. Make sure to wear white or fluorescent colors. Parents can get last minute shopping done. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the studio office or by calling WDA at 978-253-4598. The event is \$25 per child and is open to anyone in first grade or above.

Wilmington United Methodist Church Christmas Tree Lot

Thursdays from 4 PM-8 PM
Fridays from 4 PM-8 PM
Saturdays from 9 AM-8 PM
Sundays from 10 AM-6 PM

Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church Street
Tree sales benefit the church's Outreach Committee. This year, Habitat for Humanity's "Methodist House" project in Lowell will be the recipient of the majority of sales proceeds. The following agencies/programs will also benefit if total sales allow: Wilmington Food Pantry, Mission of Deeds in Reading, the Dwelling Place, which is a community table in Woburn, St. Paul's Soup Kitchen in Lowell, and Access is Mandatory in Wilmington.

WHS Class of 1976 Plans a 40th Reunion

Saturday, May 14, 2016

The reunion will be at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks and will begin outdoors in the "Grove" at 4 PM, weather permitting. Otherwise, if raining, the party begins inside at 6 PM to 11 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. For more info, please contact Class President, Rosie Wallent at rosiewallent@hotmail.com or call 978-658-7376. Official invitations will be emailed out by Dec. 1. The reunion is open to other classmates of mid-1970's classes. Also visit Wilmington High School Class of 1976 on Facebook for details and updates.

Tewksbury

Tewksbury Hospital Holiday Craft Fair

Friday, Dec. 4
8 AM-4 PM

Saunders Building/Events Room at 365 East Street
Proceeds for this event benefit the Patient Canteen Funds.

Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration

Friday, Dec. 4, 6-7:30 PM

Returning to the Town Common after a hiatus during the renovation of Town Hall. Enjoy fire barrels for toasting marshmallows, the TMHS Band will perform holiday songs, and hot chocolate and treats. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their busy Elf will visit and meet with children at Tewksbury Congregational Church parlor. Olaf and Elsa will be on hand as well.

Tewksbury Congregational Church Annual Pie Social

Friday, Dec. 4
6 PM-9 PM

Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East Street
Enjoy a hot cup of coffee or cocoa with a slice of homemade pie for \$4 per person at their Annual Pie Social. Get a free picture taken with Santa. Enjoy a partial preview of the Christmas Fair. Visit tewksburycc.org for more information.

Tewksbury Congregational Church Christmas Fair

Saturday, Dec. 5
9 AM-2 PM

Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East Street
Make Tewksbury Congregational Church your first stop for Christmas decorating and shopping. Fresh wreaths are custom decorated while you shop and enjoy a light breakfast or lunch. Other highlights include fresh Christmas arrangements, crafters tables, homemade baked goods, jams and candy, gently used toys and jewelry, and a silent auction. Visit tewksburycc.org for more information.

Help with Utility Bills

Tuesday, Dec. 8
6:30 PM-7:15 PM

Holiday Inn, 4 Highwood Drive
Winter rates have kicked in. Electricity and natural gas prices have gone through the roof. Join Tewksbury resident and Independent Energy Consultants Glenn & Sandra Misiph for a free consultation on how to substantially reduce or even eliminate part of your bill. Bring copies of your recent bills. If that is inconvenient for you, please call 978 815-7040 for a quick 5 minute consultation.

Merrimack Area:

Wakefield:

Fifth Annual Carols & Cookies Holiday Concert and Bake Sale

Sunday, Dec. 13, 3 PM

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in the Galvin Middle School, 525 Main Street

The bake sale features thrilling holiday music, delicious home-made baked good, free refreshments, and special musical guests. The band will be joined once again by the First Baptist Church of Wakefield's Handbell Choir, under the direction of Donna Burns. The Middlesex Concert Band is a non-profit, community band made up of more than 50 musicians of all ages who come from throughout Northeast Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Following the concert, in addition to enjoying the music and refreshments at the reception, audience members also have an opportunity to stock up on holiday goodies at a bake sale featuring an extensive selection of homemade packaged baked goods for sale. The MCB bakers will be hard at work creating an assortment of cookies, breads, and cakes so you don't have to. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and children under 12 are admitted free. For tickets and more information about Carols & Cookies or the Middlesex Concert Band, go to mcbconcertband.org. For questions about tickets, please contact the MCB box office at boxoffice@mcbconcertband.org or call 781-670-7662.

Miss Mass Teen at Toys for Tots event Saturday

West Real Estate, 386 Main Street Wilmington is having a fundraiser for the USMC Toys for Tots program on Saturday, Dec 5th from 12PM -3PM - bring a new unwrapped toy and get autographed photos with 2016 Miss Mass Teen USA, Alexis Frasca.

Several superstars from New England Championship Wrestling including women's tag team "Team Sea Stars" - Ashley Vox and Delmi Exo, and former

NECW Champion Beau Douglas. Several other wrestlers are in process of confirming. Bring your cameras!!!! They are working on a couple of late breaking surprises.

Santa has promised to visit, so bring the little wrestling fans for a photo with Ol' Saint Nick!

Check out the latest news on <http://westre.com/tots2015.htm> or call 978-658-4419.



Book Stew Host Eileen MacDougall welcomes Skype guest Jennifer Rae of Illinois
Courtesy Photo

"Book Stew" Gets White Glove Treatment!

WILMINGTON - Book Stew viewers with long memories - and especially those who struggled learning how to type (since we all have to do it now) will surely enjoy the December episode on the Katharine Gibbs School. Rose Doherty, author of "Katharine Gibbs: Beyond White Gloves" is interviewed by host Eileen MacDougall. The background of the fascinating school founder and the impact of the school on 100 years of students are recounted. Also joining in via Skype are "Gibbs Girls" from Texas and Illinois.

Book Stew can be viewed on WCTV on Mondays at 5 PM, Tuesdays at 1 PM, Thursdays at 7 AM and 7 PM, and Saturdays at 2 PM. A link to the program can be found at <http://www.wctv.org/Book-Stew> or on the Wilmington Memorial Library's website at <http://www.wilmlibrary.org/blogs>

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Wilmington High School Senior, Brent Johnson played bass in the Winter Concert held at the high school on Tuesday evening. Photo by Maureen Brady

Shawsheen Tech PAC announces Plunkett night

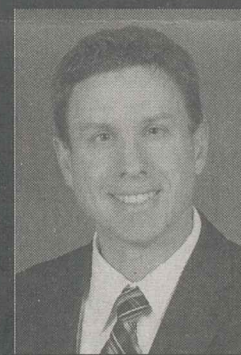
Shawsheen Tech Pac Presents 'A Night Out With Jim Plunkett' will be held on Saturday, January 16th, 2016 from 7pm-Midnight at the Billerica Elks, located at 14 Webb Brook Rd, Billerica, Ma 01821. General Admission is \$20.00 per person or tables often can be reserved for \$200.00.

No tickets will be sold at the door. You must be 21 years old or older to attend. Bring your own snacks for your table. Cash bar is available.

Tickets are available on the first Tuesday night of every month at the PAC Meeting, or send an email to: Amymichaud@hotmail.com or call 978-851-8501 or 978-821-8624.

You can also Like Us On Facebook at Shawsheen Technical High School Parent Advisory Council.

This event is sponsored by the Shawsheen Tech PAC with all proceeds going to the 'All Night Graduation Party'. No refunds.



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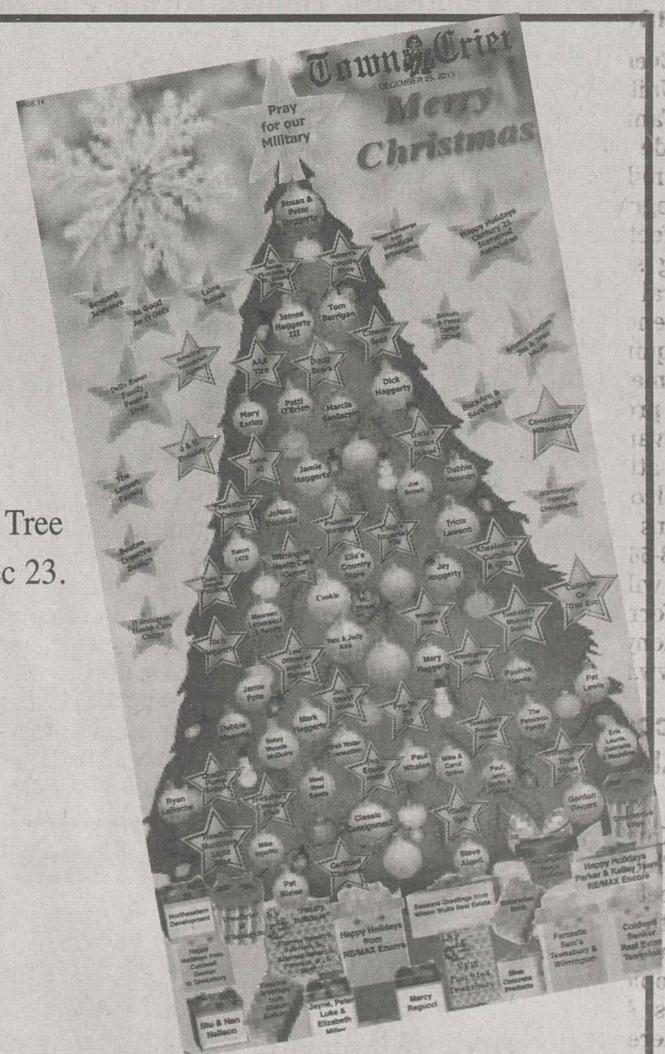
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Joseph M. Caizzi

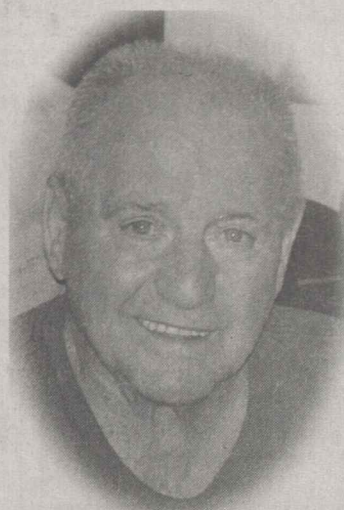
"Joe the Barber"

WILMINGTON - Joseph M. Caizzi, age 72, of Wilmington, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on November 29, 2015.

Joe was born on April 17, 1943 in Cambridge, MA; he was the cherished son of the late Attilio and Antonetta Caizzi. Joe was raised in East Boston in a close, loving family.

Joe married Letteria "Lee" Venezia in 1964; the couple lived in East Boston for several years before moving to Wilmington in January of 1973 where they raised four wonderful children and extended their home to family and friends through the years. Joe's love and devotion for his family was unconditional; he treasured the time he spent with his wife, children, and grandchildren and there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them. Joe and Lee had 52 great years together; they enjoyed traveling, family, friends, and making memories to be shared for generations to come.

Joe was fondly known as "Joe the Barber" for over 50 years and ended his career at the Clubhouse Barber Shop in Tewksbury. Joe was



a "people person" who enjoyed his job and his customers.

Joe was a simple man, he didn't need much to make him happy; family, friends, food, his couch, clicker, and his beloved dog. Joe's keen sense of humor was with him right to the end. Joe will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Joe was the beloved husband of 52 years to Letteria "Lee" (Venezia) Caizzi, devoted father of Joseph M. Caizzi, Jr. & his wife Patricia of Vista, CA, Steven Caizzi & his companion Jacquie Higgins of Wilmington, Michelle Dudley & her husband Jim

of Lincoln, NC, Kristen Caizzi of Wilmington, and extended family member Lisa Grady of Wilmington. Loving "Papa" of Brodie Caizzi, Danielle and Jimmy Dudley. Cherished son of the late Attilio and Antonetta (Dente) Caizzi, dear bother of Lawrence Caizzi & his wife Jean of Tewksbury and Marie Hutchinson & her husband Danny of East Boston. Special Uncle of Lisa Hayward, Lawrence Caizzi, Jr., Paul Caizzi, Linda O'Donnell, Jeannine Strom, Toni Marie Hutchinson, Billy Jesse, Craig Jesse, and their families.

Joe's family will be receiving people at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Sunday, December 27th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in Joe's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to The ALS Association Mass. Chapter, 315 Norwood Park South - 1st Floor, Norwood, MA 02062.

Ronald L. MacInnis

Worked at Tufts University; enjoyed camping with friends and family

WOBURN - Ronald L. MacInnis, of Woburn formerly of Wilmington passed away peacefully November 25, 2015, at his home with his loving family by his side, following a three year courageous battle with cancer. He was the beloved husband of June M. (Crowell) and together they shared 38 years of marriage. Born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, Canada he was the son of the late Ronald F. and Isabel (MacDonald) MacInnis.

Ronald came to the United States in 1956 at the age of seven with his family and settled in Wilmington where he was raised and educated and was a graduate of Wilmington High School. He married the love of his life, June, in 1977 and together they have resided in Woburn for the last 26 years. Ron worked for many years at Tufts University in the facilities maintenance department and later worked for many years with the former TYCO of Burlington where he retired from in 2012.

Ronald enjoyed the out-



doors and for many years he enjoyed camping in North Conway, NH with family and friends. He was happiest when he was with friends and family sitting around the fire pit enjoying each other's company. He will fondly be remembered for his great sense of humor and his endless practical jokes he played on his children and family.

In addition to his beloved wife June, Ron is survived by his devoted children; Ronald L. MacInnis of Woburn, Dawn MacInnis and her partner Bruce Burke of Woburn, Adam MacInnis and his wife Sandy

of Nashua, NH. He was the loving grandfather of Aurora Burke, Eric, Ryan, Jayden and Aubrey MacInnis. Cherished brother of Daniel MacInnis and his wife Karen of Wilmington, Bruce MacInnis and his wife Karen of Salisbury, James MacInnis and his wife Jayne of Billerica, Kathy MacInnis and her husband Richard Ginsburg of Tewksbury, Lorraine Ronan and her husband Scott of Billerica. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral service celebrating Ron's life was conducted in the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, Sunday, November 29th, at 7 p.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend and visit with the family prior to the service from 4 thru 7 p.m. Interment services were private.

It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Ron's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Michael DiNunzio

Worked as a cook for Avco, Compugraphic and Lucci's

TEWKSBURY - Michael DiNunzio, age 80, of Tewksbury, formerly of Wilmington, died unexpectedly on November 26, 2015.

Michael was born on March 27, 1935, in Boston, MA; he was the dear son of the late Clement J. and Amelia (Blasi) DiNunzio. Michael was raised and educated in East Boston.

On April 30, 1957, Michael was inducted into the United States Army during the beginning of the Vietnam War. Michael served overseas in the Army AUS Infantry and was stationed in Germany. He was honorably discharged on April 23, 1959 and returned home to his family in Boston.

Michael moved to Wilmington where he resided for over 30 years. He was a hard worker in the food service industry and was a cook at Avco, Compugraphic, and Lucci's



129 Restaurant for many years.

In his spare time, Michael enjoyed following the Boston sports teams, cooking, spending time with his family, and of course his scratch tickets.

Michael spent a wonderful Thanksgiving with his children and grandchildren just before his passing; this is a memory they will always cherish.

Michael was the dear

father of Michael DiNunzio and his wife Julie of Wilmington and Mary Ann DiNunzio and her companion Stephen Aylward of Lowell. He was the loving "Grampa" of 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and the brother of the late Gerald DiNunzio and Bernadette Oddo. Michael is also survived by his lifelong friend Janet as well as many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, December 4th for Visitation from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon immediately followed by a Service at 12:00 noon. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorial donations in Michael's name may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Gertrude M. Lyon

Formerly of Wilmington; enjoyed friends and family, traveling

READING - Gertrude M. Lyon, age 81, of Reading, formerly a long time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at the Winchester Hospital on November 30, 2015. Gertrude was born in Woburn, the cherished daughter of the late Gertrude (Cox) and Clayton Lyon. She was raised in Woburn, and was a graduate of Woburn High School. Later earning educational credits as a teacher's aid at Millbrook Country Day School.

Gertrude met her former husband in High School, after their marriage and his service in the U.S. Coast Guard they settled in Wilmington. She loved being a wife, mother and "Nana" and "Great Nana", she had a spirit for life and enjoyed the company of her family and



friends, especially her childhood friend Mary Paulsen. She was a lady before her time, she had great entrepreneurial skills, owning her own business for over twenty years retiring in 2006. In her spare time she enjoyed traveling, to places such as Holland, Ireland and Alaska.

Gert as she was known by many, was a woman of great enthusiasm, she had a wonderful love of family and friends, she was very kind, gentle, and had a quick sense of humor and she lived life to the fullest. She is lovingly survived by her children, Maureen R. Searles, Lorraine Muse and Edward G. Lyons all of New Hampshire, Clayton Lyons of Westwood, and her former husband Edward J. Lyons. Also nine loving grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She is the sister of Clayton Lyon of Maryland, Sandra Lyon of Tewksbury, also survived many loving nieces and nephews and her cherished childhood friend Mary Paulsen of Reading. She is predeceased by her late daughter Diane Crosby, her late brother Donald Lyon and her late husband Richard Hanson.

In keeping with Gertrude's wishes funeral services will be private. Memorial donation may be sent in Gertrude's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701

Stella Toto

Loving mother, grandmother; avid gardener

WILMINGTON - Stella Toto (Lapenna), age 94, of Wilmington, died peacefully on November 26, 2015.

Stella was born on February 23, 1921, in East Boston, MA; she was the dear daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Bellafato) Lapenna. At the age of 5, Stella moved to the North End of Boston, where she was raised and educated.

Stella married "her sweetheart" Domenic H. Toto in 1941; the couple lived in the North End of Boston before moving to Wilmington in 1960. Stella loved her home in Wilmington, she was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. Stella was an avid gardener who tended to large vegetable gardens in her yard; she loved to work outside and enjoy the sun.

For many years, Stella was active in the housing at Deming Way and she always enjoyed a good game of Bingo with her friends.

Stella was a quiet lady, she led a simple life but could always find humor in every situation. Stella cherished the time spent with her family and friends; she loved them with all her heart and



they will truly miss her.

Stella was the beloved wife of the late Domenic H. Toto, devoted mother of Joseph M. Toto and Michael Toto & his wife Donna all of Wilmington. Loving "Mimi" of Michelle Toto of Nashua, NH, Joseph M. Toto, Jr. & his wife Susan of East Yarmouth, Rebecca Caples of Wilmington, Stephen Barresi & his wife Daniela of Watertown, David Barresi & his wife Renay of Wilmington. "Great-Mimi" of Domenic, David, and Stella Caples, Katy, Domenic, and Sarah Toto, Ava and Mia Barresi, Stefano and Bianca Barresi. Dear daughter of the late

Michael and Mary Lapenna, sister of the late Sara Lauretano, Anthony, Joseph, and Charlie Lapenna. Stella is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, November 30th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 12:00 noon. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Donations in Stella's memory may be made to Woodbridge of Wilmington, Patient Fund, 90 West Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Catherine T. Gillis

Enjoyed dancing, bowling and camping

WILMINGTON - Catherine T. Gillis, "Kay", age 88, of Wilmington, died peacefully at home on December 2, 2015.

Kay was born and raised in Charlestown, MA; she was the dear daughter of the late Thomas and Helen Dunn. Kay, along with her family enjoyed their summers spent at their cottage in the "Federal Garden" section of Wilmington and swimming in Jenks Pond. It was at Jenks Pond that she met her future husband Edward Gillis and the couple married on November 25, 1951.

Kay and Ed settled in Wilmington where they shared 64 years of marriage and raised their five children; Ed, Kathy, John, Tom, and Ann. Kay was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, but she especially loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother. Kay cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; she attended countless school events, sports, dance recitals, birthday parties or any other special occasion. Kay rarely went away because she was afraid she would miss something for the kids and she always found them most entertaining.

Throughout the years, Kay enjoyed dancing, bowling



every Friday night, camping in her Pink Trailer, and baking her delicious fudge and custard.

Kay will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady who loved her family and friends unconditionally. Kay was kind, sweet, and would help anyone in need; she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Kay was the beloved wife of 64 years to Edward J. Gillis, devoted mother of Edward Gillis & his wife Nancy of Ipswich, Kathy Warford & her husband Jack, John Gillis & his wife Maryann, Tom Gillis & his wife Maureen all of Wilmington, and Ann Chleapas & her husband Jim of North Andover. Loving grandmother of Jack, Shane, Mike, Rory, Ann,

Brendan, Tommy, Eileen, and Shana Warford, Katie Ware, John, Matthew, Kelly, and Kerry Gillis, Samantha, Laura, and Benjamin Gillis, John, Kathryn, and Bill Chleapas, and great-grandchildren Jake, Anna, Ava, Keira, Meghann, Landon, Logan, Brayden, Finn, Brooke, John, MacKenzie, and Michael. Dear daughter of the late Thomas and Helen "Nellie" (McCarthy) Dunn, sister of the late Mary Kelley, Helen Lyons, and John Dunn. Kay is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 11:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, December 4th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorial donations in Catherine's name may be made to the Wilmington V.F.W., 5 Bay Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com



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of the majority of sales proceeds. The following agencies/programs will also benefit if total sales allow: Wilmington Food Pantry, Mission of Deeds in Reading, The Dwelling Place (community table in Woburn), St. Paul's Soup Kitchen (Lowell), AIM (Access is Mandatory - Wilmington)

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Tewksbury Police Log

Four men in ski masks seen at restaurant

Monday, November 23

5:03 AM - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Mobil Stadium Plaza. Matthew Higgins, 39 of 71 Nolan Ct. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended, operation of motor vehicle with registration revoked, uninsured motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, and no inspection sticker.

8:58 AM - A caller reported an erratic driver traveling north on Main Street at Wal-Mart. Officer responded and reported the car is gone on arrival.

10:03 AM - A party came into the station to report that her motor vehicle license plate was stolen for her car at Blaire House. Officer filed a report.

12:26 PM - John Street party called the station to have his son removed from the property. Police sent and the officers spoke to all the parties involved. Officer filed a report.

4:13 PM - Caller reporting a white male approximately 18 years old, tan hoodie, shorts, beard walked through the extended day program at elementary school with a black case and entered the woods and left the case there. Principal has taken all the extended day kids inside. Caller retrieved the items and states it is an iPad and a fan. Male left the area and returned with another item. Male walked behind the school and proceeded to Salem Street. Officer standing by waiting for the mother to return home. All items male had were from his mother's home. Officer filed a report.

6:29 PM - Caller reporting a suspicious male dumping a powdery substance on the field at 715 Livingston Street and 460 East Street. Police sent and they report gone on arrival.

Tuesday, November 24

2:45 AM - Officers responded to East Street to check on a suspicious vehicle. All set with the parties spoken to. The parties were waiting to deliver to the business.

Wednesday, November 25

6:09 AM - Caller reporting tractor trailer was holding up traffic at Demoulas Warehouse. Police sent and reporting the traffic is moving at this time.

Thursday, November 26

2:07 AM - Essex Regional reports 911 call from Pringle Street with a male caller uncooperative. Police sent. Police reports male party with his mother at the residence and she will be taking care of him for the remainder of the night.

4:03 AM - Call from resident of South

Street for an animal making sounds in the woods. All cars tied up at the time. Police checked area and found nothing.

10:10 PM - At Applebees, 911 caller reporting four males wearing all black and ski masks exited a small white SUV on Main Street and entered into a smaller black Honda with tinted windows. Caller states one of the males appeared to have a rifle. Police responding. Caller stated the vehicle fled into Lowell. Lowell Police Department was notified. Filed a report.

Friday, November 27

10:13 PM - Caller reporting someone playing a guitar at 352 Old Main Street and it is too loud. Officer sent and they report the they were spoken to.

Saturday, November 28

10:04 AM - The manager of Mac's Dairy Farm called to report that someone stole the A/C unit overnight. Police sent to check. Officers spoke to the manager and will file a report.

12:31 PM - Received a call from loss prevention reporting a shoplifting in progress as Wal-Mart. Marcy Pelletier, 37, of 95 Beech Street in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation, failure to stop for police, operation motor vehicle with license suspended, and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

12:47 PM - Police were approached inside the store of Wal-Mart, reporting a shoplifter in custody. Maureen Bouzan, 46, of 25 Dabby Way in Lowell, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

3:01 PM - Police are off at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Taishamary Abreu-Nieves, 28, of 767 Merrimack Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for use of motor vehicle without authority.

11:25 PM - Caller from Archstone Avenue reported she can hear glass smashing and possible damaged to building #3. Police sent and filed a report.

Sunday, November 29

2:12 AM - Detail officer reports someone informed him of a vehicle was getting onto the highway going the wrong direction on Route 495 South. Police was on highway and reports all clear nothing found. Could not be located.

2:17 AM - Kimberly Perry, 21, of 49 Richardson Road in North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor.

12:29 PM - Police sent to Wal-Mart to speak to an unwanted party that was screaming

and yelling at the store. Police were sent to assist and the party left the area.

12:31 PM - An employee from Halstead Garden reports that sometime during the night someone trashed the clubhouse. Police

sent and officer filed a report.

9:29 PM - 911 accidental from Beech Street residence. On call back, caller states it was his five-year-old who dialed by accident. Confirmed accidental.



Wilmington Police Log

Truck left in neutral wrecks havoc

Monday, November 23:

10:16 AM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Salem St. involving a Nissan Altima and a Toyota Camry. No one was injured in the collision.

10:18 AM: A stolen Ford dump truck from Billerica was located on Grove Ave.

2:16 PM: A delivery truck was left in neutral on Upton Dr. while the driver was making a delivery to 14 Upton Dr. and the truck rolled into a tree. The operator then ran to get into the vehicle and park it in front of 16 Upton Dr. Neither the tree nor the truck were damaged.

Tuesday, November 24:

10:17 AM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred by the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Middlesex Ave. involving a Lexus ES 300 and a Nissan Altima.

6:08 PM: A hit and run motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Andover St. and Route 125 involving a Chevrolet Spark and a Subaru Outback.

6:20 PM: A Jeep Cherokee struck a tree on Salem St. and left toward Ring Ave. No damage was done to the tree.

Wednesday, November 25:

8:10 AM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred by the Harnden Tavern on Salem St. involving a Chevrolet K1500 and a Nissan Frontier.

2:45 PM: Jesse Peres, 24, of 122 Farrwood Dr. in Haverhill was issued summons for leaving the scene of property damage and failure to yield at an intersection after an accident by Lucci's on Lowell St. No one was injured in the collision.

Thursday, November 26:

11:45 AM: A vehicle on Deming Way was

keyed overnight.

Friday, November 27:

4:48 AM: Lisa Hitchins, 21, of 9 Appletree Ln. was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and marked lanes violation on Church St. after a caller reported an erratic driver coming from Route 93 who struck a guardrail on the highway. Hitchins was later released on bail.

1:17 PM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred by Market Basket on Main Street involving a Chevrolet Impala and a Ford Explorer. One driver received medical assistance.

5:18 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Harley Davidson motorcycle and a Kia Sorento. No one was injured in the collision.

Saturday, November 28:

6:49 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on the corner of Main Street and Lowell St. involving a Subaru Forester and a Honda CR-V. Both vehicles were towed. No one was injured in the collision.

Sunday, November 29:

1:16 PM: A screw was found in the tire of a rental car on Concord St. The resident believed it to be his neighbor, who he was having ongoing issues with.

2:12 PM: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on the corner of Middlesex Ave. and High St. involving a gray Subaru and a Honda Civic. No one was injured in the collision.

3:19 PM: Kevin Petersen, 53, of 112 Upham St. in Winthrop was issued summons for violating his abuse prevention order after clothing was found in a driveway on Sandy Ln. which was believed to be placed there by Petersen.

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Toxic toys pose peril

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Parents and caregivers should watch out for common hazards when shopping for toys."

MASSPIRG'S report specifically reveals the results of laboratory testing on toys for toxic chemicals, including chromium and phthalates, both of which can have serious, adverse health impacts on a child's development. The survey also found examples of toys that pose a choking hazard, extremely loud toys that can threaten children's hearing, and powerful toy magnets that can cause serious injury if swallowed.

"We should be able to trust that the toys we buy are safe. However, until that's the case, toy buyers need to watch out for common hazards when shopping for toys," said Jensen, a Toxics Campaign Director with NJ PIRG.

Key findings from this year's report have identified toys with high levels of toxic substances still on store shelves. MASSPIRG had chemical testing done at a lab accredited by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

MASSPIRG found the 'Fun Bubbles' jump rope from Dollar Tree had 10 times the legal limit of the banned phthalate DEHP (Di(2-ethylhexyl phthalate) tested at 10,000 ppm (parts per million), and also had 190,000 ppm of the toxic phthalate DIBP (Di(isobutyl phthalate)). While the latter chemical has not yet been banned, the CPSC has proposed a rule that would add DIBP to the list of banned phthalates.

Phthalates are a group of chemicals used to make plastics more flexible and harder to break. They are often called plasticizers. Some phthalates are used as solvents (dissolving agents) for other materials. They are used in hundreds of products, such as

vinyl flooring, adhesives, detergents, lubricating oils, automotive plastics, plastic clothes (raincoats), and personal-care products (soaps, shampoos, hair sprays, and nail polishes).

According to MASSPIRG's findings, exposure to phthalates at crucial stages of development may harm development of the male reproductive system, and is linked to early puberty.

In preliminary tests, MASSPIRG also found high levels of the heavy metal chromium in three toys, including Slinky Jr. The high content of chromium in the products found doesn't necessarily mean that they violate the law, however MASSPIRG believes it is a cause for concern, and call on the CPSC to do further testing.

Skin contact with chromium can cause severe allergic reactions, including skin redness, swelling and ulcers, and chromium compounds are also linked to cancer, according to MASSPIRG.

Positively, MASSPIRG tests did not find any lead violations this year, while the CPSC has recalled some toys for lead violations. MASSPIRG believes this is a sign of progress, but the testing does not mean that lead cannot be found in other toys.

Despite a ban on small parts in toys for children under the age of three, MASSPIRG found toys available in stores that still pose choking hazards. A fairy wand from Dollar Tree has small parts that easily break off, but were not labeled as a choking hazard.

And, it's not just the 'cheap' stores that are culpable.

Also found were inadequate warning labels on the 'Disney Pixar Cars Riplash Racers' and 'Disney Planes' from the department store, Marshall's, 'G2 Air Mini Football', a



Terrible Toys for Your Tots. Balloons pose the most serious choking hazard to children in the U.S. Be aware of the small sized toys and check to see if they pass the small ball test. Watch out for Toxic Chemicals in the toy itself, including chromium and phthalates. Magnates can also be very dangerous if two or more are swallowed, being drawn together and perforating intestinal walls.

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'Disney Finding Nemo Dory' figurine from Five Below, and a 'Nickelodeon Mermaid Dora the Explorer' from Target. These products may have labels suitable for foreign countries, but were not sufficient to meet U.S. standards.

Objects such as small balls and marbles pose a hazard for young children who are

inclined to put objects in or near their mouths. MASSPIRG found 'Magic Towels' packaged as a small baseball and a small football at Dollar Tree which did not have the appropriate small ball warning label.

Balloons pose the most serious choking hazard to children in the U.S. All of the balloon packages found did include the required warning label reading that children under eight can choke on balloons and balloon parts. However, MASSPIRG also found three balloon sets from Party City which included a second, confusing label indicating that the products are for children ages three and older: the 'Balloon Animal Kit', 'Mega Value Pack 16 Latex Punch Balloons', and 'Mega Value Pack 12 Water Bomb Packs'.

While immediate risks such as choking and exposure to chemicals have been easily identified, MASSPIRG have also found toys that are potentially harmful to children's hearing. MASSPIRG have also identified 'Vtech Go! Go!', 'Smart Wheels', 'Smart Animals', 'Vtech Spin & Learn Color Flashlight', 'Fisher Price Click n Learn Remote', and 'Leap Frog Fridge Phonics Magnetic Letter Set' from Target that, while they don't violate federal standards, were found to be extremely loud when held close to the ear and at a distance.

MASSPIRG continues to find small, powerful magnets that pose a dangerous threat to children if swallowed. 'Sizzlers Noise Magnets' from Family Dollar, and 'Singing Magnets' from Dollar Tree were identified as 'near-small-parts' which, while they don't violate federal standards, it has been determined that the magnets are small enough to be swallowed and can cause severe internal damage.

Over the past seven years, stronger rules have helped get some of the most dangerous toys and children's products off the market. Rules put in place by the 2008 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act tightened lead limits and phased out dangerous phthalates. Earlier this year, the CPSC implemented a ban on small, powerful toy magnets, which is also an important step forward. However, not all toys comply with the law, and gaps in the toy safety net remain.

"Our leaders and consumer watchdogs need to do more to protect our youngest consumers from the hazards of unsafe toys - no child should ever be injured, get sick, or die from playing with a dangerous toy," said Jensen. "Also, the CPSC should finalize its rule to include other toxic phthalates like DIBP on its list of banned phthalates."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) continues to strengthen the rules, using additional powers it was given in the 2008 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. In particular, the ban on small, powerful magnet sets which took effect on April 1, 2015 is a critical safety step.

What's new is also what's not, according to MASSPIRG. The Group continues to find toxic chemicals, as well as magnet, choking, and noise hazards. Their overall message aims to let parents and consumers know that while there have been improvement in identifying toxic and harmful toys, parents still need to be diligent in selecting toys for their children.

For 30 years, the PIRG Trouble in Toyland report has offered safety guidelines for purchasing toys for young children, and provided examples of toys currently on store shelves that pose potential safety hazards. Over the years, PIRG reports have led to over 150 recalls and other enforcement actions.

To download MASSPIRG's full 'Trouble in Toyland' report, go to their website at <http://www.masspirg.org/>

Parents can find their list of unsafe toys, as well as tips for safe toy shopping this holiday season, at www.toysafetytips.org

MASSPIRG (Public Interest Research Group) Law & Policy Center is an independent, non-partisan group that works for consumers and the public interest. Through research, public education and outreach, MASSPIRG serve as counterweights to the influence of powerful special interests that threaten health, safety, or well-being.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
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BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 17, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **James Heider** for a Special Permit from Section 3600, Para 3651 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition onto a pre-existing non-conforming structure as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **12 Forest Avenue**, Assessor's Map 4, Lot 4, zoned Heavy Industrial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 15, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Jason Barrett** for a Special Permit from Section 3651 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a second floor addition onto the existing dwelling as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **14 South Amos Street**, Assessor's Map 70, Lot 151, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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TOWN OF
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BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 22-15
Lorrie Flaherty
Map 40 Parcel 147

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.6.7.7 Ground Water Protection District for property located on 11 Muse Avenue.

Case 23-15
Wilm. 4th of July
Map 66 Parcel 1

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §4.1.9 for a carnival to run from June 29, 2016 through July 3, 2016, (raindate July 4, 2016) for property located on 140-150 Middlesex Avenue.
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The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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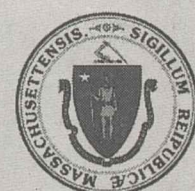
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Peter Psarakis of 945 Riverside Drive in Methuen, MA 01844 who is the last registered owner of a 2006 Chrysler 300
Vin number
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that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 9 A.M. December 19, 2015 at Forrest Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
TC 12/2, 9, 16/2015

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Notice is hereby given to Stevenson Saintsurin of 70 Westland Street in Brockton, MA who is the last registered owner of a 2010 Pontiac G6
Vin number
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that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 9 A.M. December 12, 2015 at Forrest Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No.
MI15P5233EA

Estate of:
Katrina Aine Willis
Date of Death:
06/16/2015

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Paul J. Lussier, Jr. of Tewksbury MA.

Paul J. Lussier, Jr. of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any manner relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
TC12/2/15

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Linda J. Tripp and Stephen A. Tripp to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for American Brokers Conduit, dated June 27, 2006 and recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20253, Page 151 of which mortgage Federal National Mortgage Association is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated September 3, 2009 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23392, Page 2; and assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association dated February 12, 2014 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27998, Page 67, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 121 Grove Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on December 28, 2015, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 7 and 8 on a plan entitled

"Plan of Land in Wilmington belonging to B. F. Wild, Scale 1" = 80 Ft. March 31, 1911, James A. Bancroft, Surveyor", recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 28, Plan 61.

The premises is more particularly described in the Deed recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10038, Page 309, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 7 and 8 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Wilmington belonging to B. F. Wild, Scale 1" = 80 Ft. March 31, 1911, James A. Bancroft, Surveyor", recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 28, Plan 61, together bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Grove Avenue in two (2) measurements together totaling one hundred (100) feet,

NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 9, as shown on said plan, ninety-two and 6/10 (92.6) feet,

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Union Ice Company, as shown on said plan, in two (2) measurements together totaling one hundred (100) feet and

SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 6, as shown on said plan, one hundred four and 25/100 (104.25) feet.

Said lots together containing 9650 square feet of land, according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10038, Page 309.

The premises will be

sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Federal National Mortgage Association
Korde & Associates, P.C.
321 Billerica Road
Suite 210
Chelmsford, MA
01824-4100
(978) 256-1500
Tripp, Stephen A.,
09-054728,
December 2, 2015,
December 9, 2015,
December 16, 2015
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TOWN OF
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BOARD OF APPEALS

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The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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Wilmington-based firm could help fight terror

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troscopic analyzers, Progeny ResQ provides rapid and comprehensive detection of unknown chemical and explosive substances for onsite threat response.

“Winning an R&D 100 Award confirms Progeny ResQ as one of the most advanced chemical detection products on the market and we are delighted to have been selected,” said Bree Allen, General Manager and Vice President of the Molecular business for Rigaku Analytical Devices. “The global terrorist threat continues to rapidly evolve and the unique and powerful capabilities of Progeny ResQ provide first responders, law enforcement professionals, customs agencies, and the military with the means to respond to critical situations confidently. The award is a testament to the expertise and dedication of our team in meeting the needs of our customers. We are extremely proud of this achievement.”

The company’s spectroscopic analyzers are designed for use in the protection of public health and safety, the aiding of scientific and academic study, the recycling and reuse of metal alloys, and the quality assurance of key metal alloy components in mission critical industries.

Explosives detection, threat screening, narcotic identification, raw material and chemical verification, anti-counterfeit validation, scrap metal sorting and metal fabrication, and academia and research comprise the basics of the company’s product development.

Progeny ResQ enables the rapid detection, identification and response to chemical and hazardous threats at the touch of a button, utilizing Raman technology, a spectroscopic technique used to observe vibrational, rotational, and other low-frequency modes in a system, and commonly used in chemistry to provide a fingerprint by which molecules can be identified.

The device is an intuitive chemical analyzer, providing emergency responders, law enforcement professionals and the military with the industry’s most comprehensive chemical detection range in a fast and simple handheld form to detect explosive threats, identify narcotics and illegal drugs, and respond to suspicious hazardous materials.

Rigaku launched Progeny™ to the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry in early 2014 to assist in securing pharmaceutical supply chains and to be utilized in the identification of counterfeit drugs.

Progeny™ ResQ™ was launched to the safety and security market for chemical detection in January 2015.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Because of the potential for terrorist events, “many have expressed concern about the possibility of a terrorist attack involving toxic industrial chemi-



Brenda Gibbons and Ralph Squillante, Jr. of 34 Shady Lane Drive have created a Holiday Wonderland of sites and sounds. Come see their amazing Christmas Menagerie of Lights and donate non-perishables to help others this Holiday Season. The couple is looking forward to reaching their goal of 250 food items to help families in need. BruceHilliard.com

cals (TICs), or toxic industrial materials (TIMs). These agents can be highly toxic and are produced in large quantities.”

Progeny ResQ offers a comprehensive library with over 12,000 common materials TICs/TIMs, chemical warfare agents (CWAs) and explosives and is also capable of identifying illicit drugs and narcotics. Toxic industrial chemicals are industrial chemicals that are manufactured, stored, transported, and used throughout the world.

Furthermore, the devices enables materials to be measured through containers such as plastic bags, thin plastic, clear glass and amber glass bottles, to aid in detection of hazardous materials in airports and other key facilities.

Rigaku Analytical Devices is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rigaku Corporation, headquartered in Japan, with more than 1200 employees and \$350 million in revenues worldwide.

Rigaku Analytical Devices, Inc. currently has about 40 employees in the Wilmington, Massachusetts office.

Santa coming to your neighborhood!

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Grove Ave, Lake St, Fairfield Road, and Cunningham Street.

11:30 am -12:00 pm: Lexington Street, West Jamacia Ave., Faulkner Ave., Glen Road, Gandalf Way neighborhood, King Street, Gloria Way, Seneca Lane, Tacoma Street, Cary Street, St. Paul Street, Brattle Street, Mass Ave., and Main Street to Clark Street.

12:00-12:30 pm: Clark Street, Church Street, Beacon Street, Fairview Ave., Adams Street, Lowell Street to West Street, Horseshoe Lane, West Street to Woburn Street, Wildwood Street, Glendale Circle, Lawrence Street, Shady Lane, Oakdale Road, Judith Road, Cedarcrest Road, Pinewood Road, Middlesex Ave. to Federal Street.

12:30 -1:00 pm: Federal Street to Woburn Street, Woburn Street to High Street, North Street neighborhood, (Linda, Carolyn, Marcia, and Dadant), Middlesex Ave. to Avalon West Apartment Complex, Salem St, Bigger Ave, Ring Ave, Arlene Ave, Ella Ave, Dorothy Ave., Avalon Drive Apartment Complex.

1:00 -1:30 pm: Ballardvale Street, Target Store, Fiorenza Drive, Ashwood Ave, Andover Street, Salem Street (Route 62), Hathaway Acres neighborhood, Woburn Street, Park Street, Gowing Road, Marcus Road, Oakridge Circle, Freeport Drive, Heather Drive, Sparhawk Drive, Lucaya Circle, Park Street, and Woburn Street to Eames Street.

Tree lighting festivities

Plenty of holiday festivities are in store for Wilmington this weekend.

On Saturday, December 5, 2015, the day will start off with Breakfast with Santa at the Knights of Columbus at 8:15 am.

The Annual Festival of Trees event will take place all day at Villanova Hall, and the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. at the Town Common.

Residents can enjoy horse drawn hayrides, cookies and hot chocolate, ice sculptures sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and some of its member companies, Wilmington Minutemen with lanterns, and the Wilmington United Methodist Church Choir.

In addition, the Wilmington Cheerleaders will be helping out, the Wilmington Community Fund will hold their annual Wilmington themed ornament sales, members of the Wilmington Fire Department will be collecting unwrapped toys and donations for Wilmington children, and clergy from parishes throughout the Town will be presenting the story of Christmas.

After the tree lighting, Santa will arrive courtesy of the Fire Department to light the lights on the Common for the season, and will be available for pictures with children, young and old, in the Fourth of July building thereafter.

On Sunday, the Annual Festival of Trees event will continue all day at Villanova Hall and a Holiday Social is planned for 1:00 pm at Harnden Tavern.

All are welcome to herald the Christmas season and the New Year!



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Wilmington Town Crier's 22nd annual

Coach of the Year: Leanne Ebert

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON - A lot had been written about the success of the Wilmington Field Hockey team and in particular head coach Leanne Ebert over this fall season. But it doesn't stop there, not should it.

Of the 15 varsity athletic teams over this calendar year, not including track, cross-country and wrestling, only six teams advanced to the state tournament with only two of those teams winning a state tournament game.

The Field Hockey team would have had a great chance of advancing deep into the Division 2 North sectional tournament -- if and when the MIAA does the right thing and moves Watertown up to Division 1 -- but the Wildcats were defeated by the Red Raiders in quarterfinal round in a truly amazing performance. Watertown went on to win its seventh straight state title while extending its unbeaten streak to a national record 160 games while giving up just one goal in its last 44 games.

The very pesky Wildcats gave Watertown a very tough game in the tournament, which came several days after Wilmington knocked in Wayland, 2-1, in

overtime in the first round. It was the program's first tournament win since the 2012 season.

The fact that this year's Wildcat team finished with an overall record of 11-7-2 (including three losses to Watertown) and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the playoffs is a true testament to Ebert and the entire program, especially since the team entered this season with an entirely new defensive line-up after graduating eleven players off last year's 9-5-5 season. For that, winning eleven games in a "rebuilding season" is the No. 1 reason Ebert is tabbed this year's Town Crier Coach of the Year.

"First let me say that Leanne is a great coach," said WHS AD Ed Harrison. "She is well-respected by our student-athletes, peers and opposing coaches. She has a special way of getting the most out of her teams, not to only play well but to show good sportsmanship. Our student-athletes buy into her coaching style and strategies."

After starting the season out with a 1-3 record, the Wildcats turned things around by going 8-2-1 over its next 11 games.

"We grew a lot as a team this season," said Ebert. "We had a slow start but quickly pulled it together to



Wilmington High Field Hockey coach Leanne Ebert is this year's Town Crier Coach of the Year.

(photo by JoeBrown.photo).

do what we had to, to produce wins and make it to the tournament. We were a young, inexperienced team

with a few seasoned veterans who, I'm proud to say, led by example and quickly made everyone feel not only comfortable, but also confident in their abilities in order to compete at the varsity level.

"This year's group had the ability to have fun, yet take it seriously when they had to which made it a lot of fun this year. They played with heart and as a coach you want that more than anything."

Wilmington stumbled a bit down the stretch of the regular season going 2-3, before regrouping and playing two phenomenal games in the state tournament. Sophomore Jillian Miele scored the game winning goal in overtime to lift the Wildcats past No. 9 seed Wayland, 2-1 at home.

That put the team into the quarterfinal round against Watertown. In that game Ebert changed up her entire defensive line-up, moving her more experienced mid-field players to the back line and it certainly worked -- against the "Watertown Machine" it did.

The game was scoreless through halftime before the red Raiders scored two goals in the second half. The defense, as well as goalie Rose Cuozzo played absolutely tremendous from

start to finish.

"That's a win in my book," said Ebert minutes after that loss. "To lose 2-0 to them -- who has kept them to 2-0 this season? That's win in my book ... I'm so proud of the team. They played absolutely phenomenal and I couldn't possibly be any prouder of the entire team."

After beating Wilmington 2-0, Watertown went on to defeat Weston (2-0), Manchester-Essex (4-0), Hanover (5-0) and Auburn (6-0). Hanover and Auburn were both unbeaten heading into that game while those four teams combined for a record of 68-8-8 -- having one more combined loss than Wilmington all season.

Ebert said that she'll remember this season for many reasons.

"This year's senior class was my first freshmen group when I took over coaching in Wilmington," she said. "I told them at the banquet they were a special senior class for that reason. My best friend (Laura Connors) moved up as my (assistant and) JV Coach. My freshmen coach (Jackie Robarge) is a former player from when I coached the freshmen team in Wilmington. It was just such a great season."



Former Wilmington Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year Michelle Woods became the fourth player in the history of the Wheelock College Women's Basketball program to reach 1,000 points and she did so after her second game of her junior year, coming last Tuesday against Simmons College. Pictured with Michelle are her family members from left, parents Tom and Terri and sisters Stephanie and Christina.

Passes 1,000 point plateau at Wheelock College

Woods reaches impressive milestone in junior season

By JAMIE POTE
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BOSTON - Before last Tuesday night's game, Jaime Grzych told her roommate, best friend and teammate that if she didn't give the pass on the milestone basket she'd be pretty upset. Grzych never got upset that night -- she celebrated with everyone else after she assisted on the lay-up basket by Wilmington's Michelle Woods in the second quarter, pushing her to 1,000 career points in just her third season of playing for the Wheelock College Women's Basketball team.

Grzych grabbed a defensive-rebound and sent a long pass over several defenders

and Woods picked up the loose ball and went in for the lay-up. The officials stopped the game to acknowledge Woods for becoming just the fourth player in the history of the program to achieve this impressive milestone, while becoming just the third female collegiate player from Wilmington to break four digits joining Ashley Vitale (Endicott) and Amy Fahey (Fitchburg State).

"It feels awesome (to be able to do it)," said Woods. "I can't believe that I did it especially because in high school I was never even close. I think it's just crazy. It's exciting and I still can't believe it. Both Ashley and Amy were such role models for me so it's amazing to be

able to do what they did (in their collegiate careers)."

The basket came in the second quarter in the team's away game against Simmons College played at the Moore Gymnasium. Simmons went on to win the game 57-44 and that put Wheelock at 1-1 on the very young season.

Woods needed 27 points entering this season after scoring 973 in her first two seasons, which saw the team combine for a record of 17-35, including a program record 11 wins last year under then first-year head coach Melissa Traversi. Woods scored 24 points in the team's first game a win

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Town Crier Coach of the Year

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| 2015 | Leanne Ebert, Field Hockey |
| 2014 | Aldo Caira - Baseball |
| 2013 | Steve Scanlon- Boys Hockey & Sue Hendee Girls Soccer |
| 2012 | Steve Scanlon - Boys Hockey |
| 2011 | Steve Scanlon - Boys Hockey |
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Most lopsided win since 1937

Redmen make quick work of Wildcats

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TEWKSBURY - Heading into last Thursday's 82nd meeting between Tewksbury and Wilmington, the Redmen were the heavy favorites and it didn't take long before they showed why they were.

The Redmen scored four first half touchdowns and went on to dominate a young Wildcat team, 45-8, on a gorgeous Thanksgiving Morning held before 2,300 fans at Doucette Field.

For Tewksbury the win ends a tremendous season as the Redmen finished with an 8-2 overall record, which included going 3-1 against Merrimack Valley Conference Large School Division opponents after being forced up a division.

This is also the sixth straight win over the Wildcats and eighth in the past nine years. It's also the largest margin victory for Tewksbury in this rivalry since winning 44-0 back in 1937.

The Wildcats ended the season with a 4-7 overall record which included being outscored 249-32 in their seven losses.

Tewksbury scored on all four offensive possessions in the first half before adding two more scores in the second half. The Redmen finished with 337 total yards of offense, including 185 in the air as Brett Morris (9-for-13, 168 yards) had another strong game while running back Troy Carey (12-72) figured in all four of the team's first half touchdowns.

Both Morris (1,040) and Carey (1,059) surpassed the 1,000 point plateau for the season with throwing yards and rushing yards, respectively.

"This group went out and put it all together this season," said Redmen coach Brian Aylward. "For them to come out and have the season that they have had has been very impressive. I have no complaints on any of them. I thought they came out and played the game like it's supposed to be played. They had that sense of urgency that is their last game for a lot of these guys who'll never play again so to come out here and play as if it's your last game was great to see."

Wilmington started out with the ball out of the 'Wildcat' offense. An intentional grounding call moved the team back ten yards and on fourth-and-20 from their own 30, the Wildcats went for it. Tyler Roberts took the ball on an inside counter before lofting a deep half-back option pass down the field which was intercepted by Will Matovu at the Redmen 37 yard line.

Five plays later, Tewksbury countered with a trick play of its own, and this one worked as Carey pushed a

short pass over the middle of the line to a wide open Robbie Piccolo for the 12-yard TD. The conversion pass failed and Tewksbury led 6-0.

This was the fourth time this season that a running back completed a touch-down pass for the Redmen.

"Sometimes it's how the personnel lines up," said Aylward about the team's success with trick plays this season. "We are fortunate where we had a number of guys who can throw the ball, and some guys who can catch the ball so that allows you to do things like that but if you have to execute those plays. It's one thing to be able to execute them in practice but it's another thing to do in game time. That was pretty good."

After that score, the game just repeated its course. Wilmington went three-and-out and Tewksbury responded with a score as Carey went to his left from a yard out. Adam Gajjaoui caught the conversion pass from Morris and Tewksbury led 14-0.

Wilmington came out of the 'Wildcat' to its regular offense and managed a first down on the next drive but had to punt from its own 35. Again Tewksbury responded and Carey scored this time from two yards out. Gajjaoui rushed in the conversion making it 22-0 with 5:02 left in the second quarter.

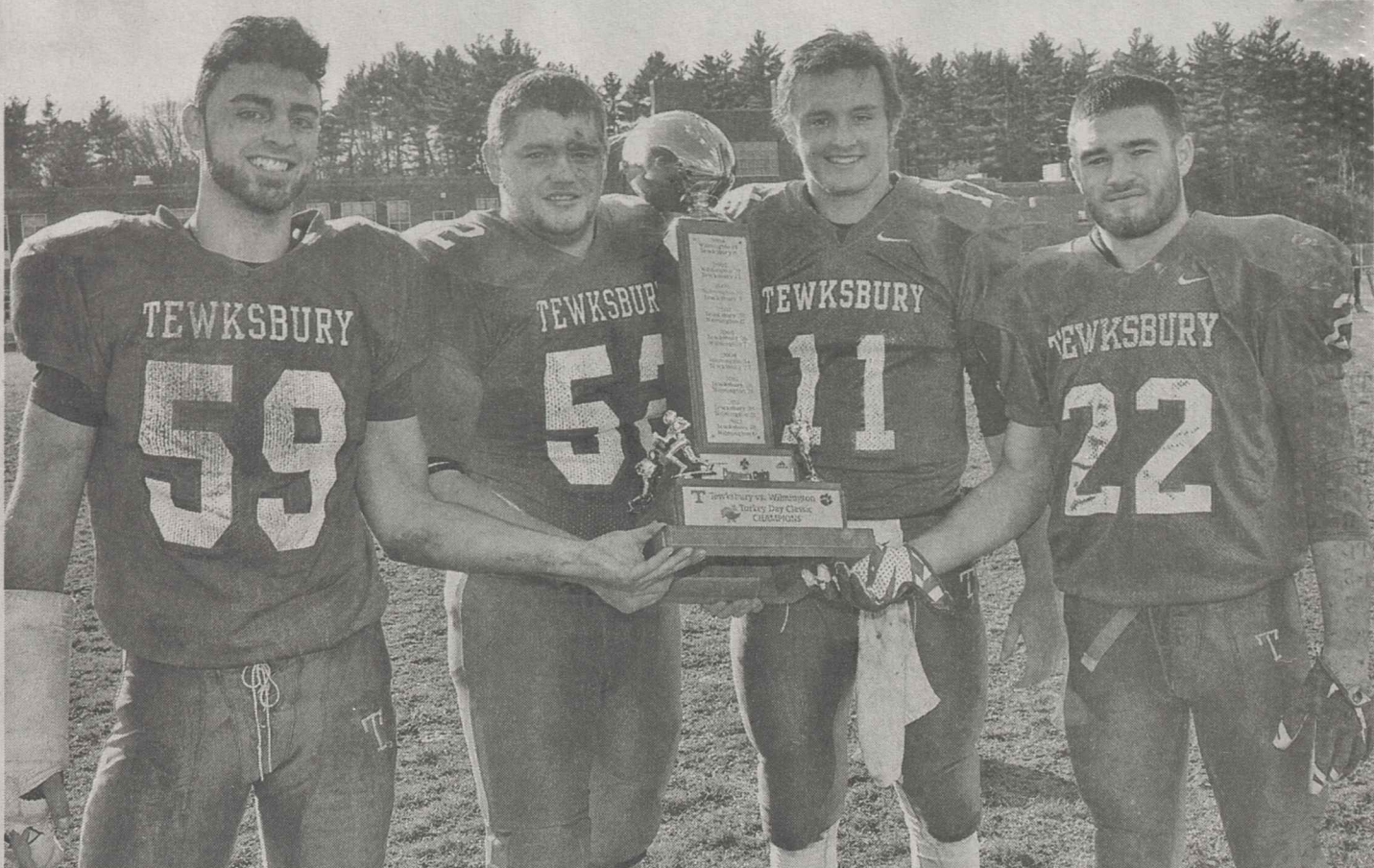
Wilmington followed with another three-and-out and Carey then scored his third TD of the game as he was wide open over the middle catching a 24-yard strike from Morris. Steve Hamel then caught the conversion pass making it 30-0.

Wilmington did move the ball managing three first downs including a 30-yard catch by Tyler DeJesus but Tewksbury's Masyn Lorick intercepted a pass in the end zone on the final play of the first half.

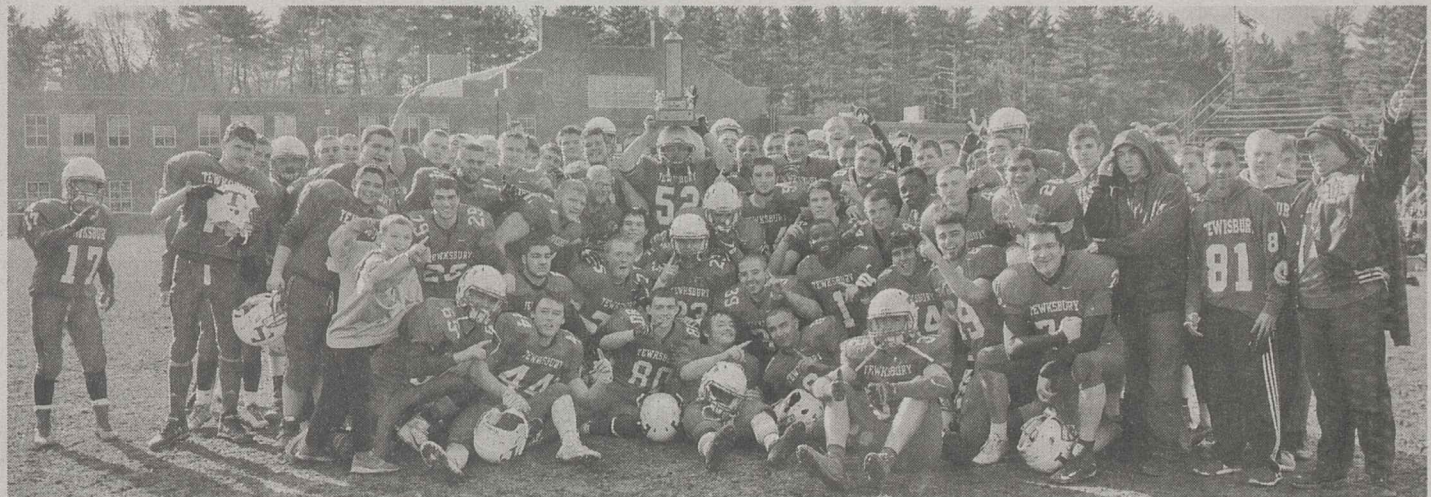
Tewksbury took advantage of a botched punt play and on the first play from 20 yards out, Morris found Gajjaoui for the TD and Tyler Ward rushed in the conversion making it 38-0 with 5:53 left in the third quarter.

Wilmington didn't quit and strung together a 13-play scoring drive capped off when Smith moved to his right on a fourth-and-seven from the Wildcats' 43, and found Travis Haines open down the sideline. He caught the short pass and darted down the right side for the score to erase the shut out. Matt Woods rushed in the conversion making it 35-8.

"Tewksbury is better," said Wildcat coach Mike Barry. "They played better than us and they are better than us. I think our team worked real hard. From where we were at the Winchester game to where we are now, we're a better football team. I don't



For the sixth year in a row the TMHS Football team defeated Wilmington on Thanksgiving, this time the Redmen won 45-8 last Thursday. Above are the team's captains, from left, Stephen Bonugli, TJ Contalonis, Brett Morris and Troy Carey, holding up the annual Turkey Game Trophy, and below the entire team surrounds the trophy in celebration. (photos by JoeBrown.photo).



think it showed today. We got better.

"We had a lot of young kids on the field. We had some seniors and they may not have been as successful the last few years as you would have liked but they kept fighting and kept trying and that's what I'll take from this (season). They are a great group of kids.

"Woodsie, Minghella and those guys I can't say enough good things about those kids. Those are the things I'm going to remember. We played a lot of young kids this year. I think what the seniors did was they re-established the positive atmosphere around this football program.

"Even though the record doesn't indicate it, they came out and worked hard every single day. When you have good kids like Woodsie, Charlie, Kyle Nelson, Louie (Larffarrello), all of those seniors, Ian Falcon, Alex Hiltz. When they work hard they set the example of the work ethic that the younger kids should have.

"We have some good talented young players and if they follow that leadership a year or two down the road I can see us being pretty good."

Tewksbury scored one final

touchdown as both teams started to empty their benches. Brandon Winn ran in a 33-yard score, his second of the season. Freshman Josh Kouffoh booted his first PAT kick to put the exclamation point on the scoring, the game and the season.

"We'll have a chance now to go back and reevaluate the season, things that we could have done better," said Aylward. "The bottom line

is we finished 8-2 and we lost two tough games where we put ourselves in a position to be maybe get but that's the way it is.

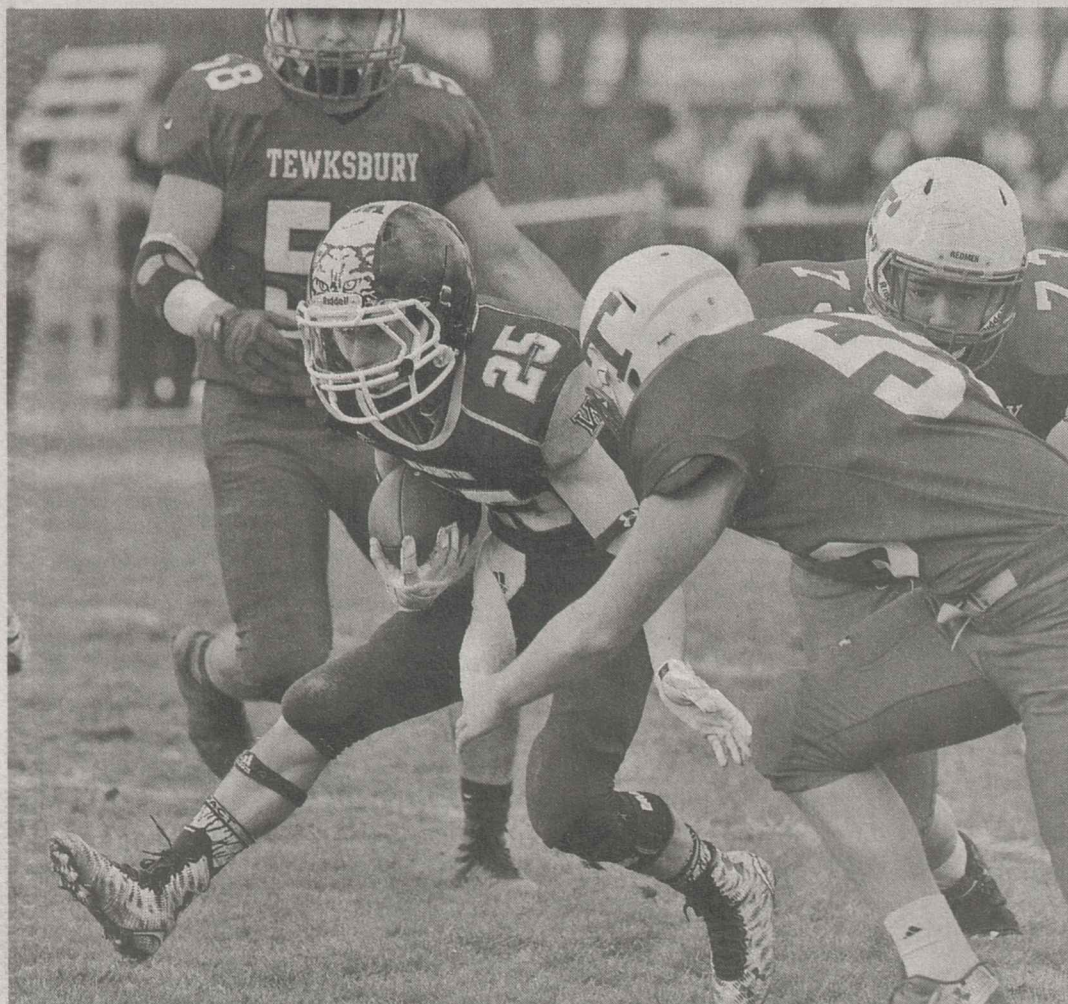
"When I look back, I'll remember the game that no one else will remember, which is the Westford game. That was a very good team and we beat them in the midst of being knocked down (the week before against Danvers). The ener-

gy around town, the energy around the school wasn't what it's been so far, but it out just shows so much about their character.

"That'll be the one thing I'll remember most about these seniors, that and how they executed here on Thanksgiving playing in their final game."



Tewksbury High's Robbie Piccolo, shown here carrying the ball, scored the team's first touchdown in last Thursday's win. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).



Wilmington High senior captain Charlie Minghella carries the ball while several Tewksbury defenders move in to make the tackle during Thursday's Thanksgiving Day clash. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

Tewksbury-Wilmington Box Score

TEWKSBURY 45, WILMINGTON 8

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|------------------|---|----|---|---|-----|
| Wilmington (4-7) | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | -08 |
| Tewksbury (8-2) | 6 | 24 | 8 | 7 | -45 |

T - Robbie Piccolo 17 pass from Troy Carey (pass failed)
T - Troy Carey 1 run (Adam Gajjaoui pass from Brett Morris)
T - Carey 2 run (Gajjaoui rush)
T - Carey 30 pass from Morris (Steve Hamel pass from Morris)
T - Gajjaoui 20 pass from Morris (Tyler Ward rush)
W - Travis Haines 57 pass from Graham Smith (Matt Woods rush)
T - Brandon Winn 33 run (Josh Kouffoh kick)

Team Stats

| | W | T |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 12 | 14 |
| Rushes-yards | 38-106 | 24-151 |
| Pass-Att-Int | 3-13-2 | 10-15-0 |
| Passing Yards | 87 | 185 |
| Total Yards | 193 | 336 |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-35 | 9-56 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |

Individual Stats

Passing: W, Graham Smith 2-for-8, 87 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; Thomas Robarge 1-for-1, 13 yards; Robbie Ducharme 0-for-3, 0 yards; Tyler Roberts 0-for-1, 0 yards, 1 INT; T, Brett Morris 9-for-13, 168 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INTs; Troy Carey 1-for-1, 17 yards, 1 TD, 0 INTs; Adam Gajjaoui 0-for-1, 0 yards; Steve Hamel 0-for-1, 0 yards.

Rushing: W, Matt Woods 19-68, Charlie Minghella 10-35, Robbie Ducharme 2-5; Thomas Robarge 1-5; Jason Vallee 4-4; Patrick Carroll 1-0; Graham Smith 3 - (-6); T, Troy Carey 12-72, 2 TDs, Brandon Winn 2-44, 1 TD, Tyler Ward 2-13, Will Matovu 1-10, Brett Morris 2-7, Stephen Rosa 2-3; Adam Gajjoui 1- (-1); Brandon Hiltz 1-3; Steve Hamel 1-0.

Receiving: W, Travis Haines 1-57, 1 TD; Tyler DeJesus 1-30; Tyler Roberts 1-13; T, Adam Gajjaoui 3-59, 1 TD, Troy Carey 3-55, 1 TD, Tyler Ward 2-44, Robbie Piccolo 2-27, 1 TD.

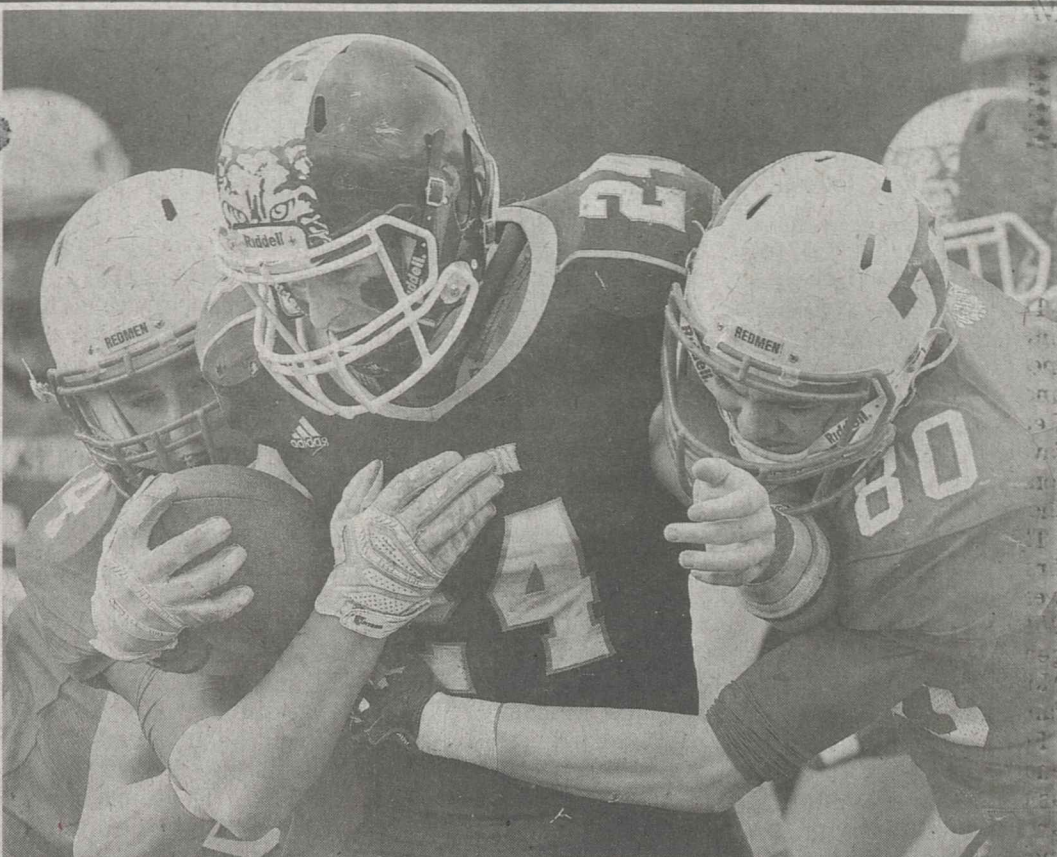
TMHS Football Season Stats

| Opponents | Score By Quarter | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-----|----|------|
| | 27 | 28 | 34 | 13 |
| Tewksbury | 68 | 121 | 54 | 27 |
| | | | | -102 |
| | | | | -270 |

| Team Stats | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| | Opp | T |
| First Downs | 109 | 150 |
| Rushes-Yards | 263-911 | 340-1,774 |
| Pass-Att-Int | 79-198-6 | 86-148-0 |
| Passing Yards | 958 | 1,135 |
| Total Yards | 1,869 | 2,910 |
| Penalties-Yards | 34-253 | 61-494 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 16-9 | 7-5 |

Individual Stats
Passing: Brett Morris 81-for-142, 1,040 yards, 12 TDs, 0 INTs; Troy Carey 3-for-3, 74 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INTs; Tyler Ward 2-for-2, 20 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INTs.
Rushing: Troy Carey 181-1,059, 16 TDs, Stephen Rosa 44-261, 3 TDs; Tyler Ward 49-210, 3 TDs; Brett Morris 35-59, 1 TD; Brandon Winn 12-89, 2 TDs; Will Matovu 5-38; Ryan Morris 2-18; Adam Gajjaoui 3-10, Shane Darrigo 1-10; Blake Hiltz 2-8; Nolan Kavanaugh 1-4; Steve Hamel 8 - (-6).
Receiving: T, Adam Gajjaoui 37-576, 9 TDs, Troy Carey 20-214, 2 TDs; Tyler Ward 11-167, 1 TD; Stephen Rosa 8-75, 1 TD, Brett Morris 1-28, Bobby Piccolo 5-59, 1 TD, Aaron Whitehouse 1-8, 1 TD, Steve Catanzano 1-2, Justin Rosberg 1 - (-1).
Scoring: Troy Carey 17 TDs, 2 conversion rushes, 106 points; Adam Gajjaoui 9 TDs, 6 conversion kick, 61 points; Tyler Ward 4 TDs, 1 conversion, 26 points; Stephen Rosa 3 TDs, 18 points; Steve Hamel 14 PAT kicks, 14 points; Brett Morris 2 TDs, 1 conversion rush, 14 points; Brandon Winn 2 TDs, 12 points; Aaron Whitehouse 1 TD, 6 points; Steve Catanzano 2 conversion receptions, 4 points; Josh Kouffoh 1 conversion kick, 1 point.

Compiled by Jamie Pote



Above, Wilmington High senior running back Matthew Woods carries the ball while getting tackled by Ryan Sughrue (80) and Ryan Morris (44), and below quarterback Brett Morris, Ryan's brother, takes the snap during the game. Brett had another big performance on Thanksgiving and ended the year surpassing the 1,000 yard plateau.

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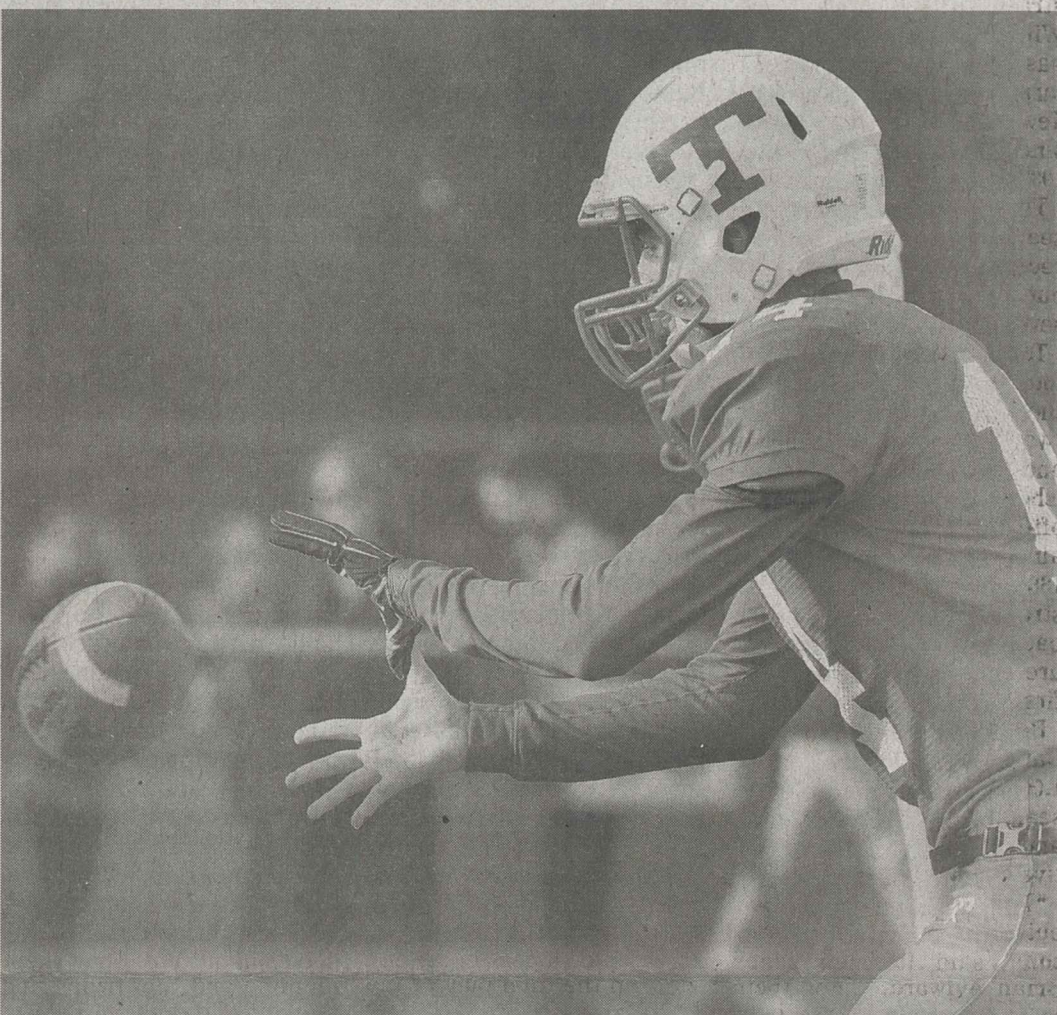
WHS Football Season Stats

| WILMINGTON OPPONENTS | Score by Quarters | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|----|------|
| | 20 | 13 | 48 | 30 |
| | 43 | 113 | 55 | 75 |
| | | | | -111 |
| | | | | -286 |

| Team Statistics | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | W | Opp |
| First Downs | 104 | 123 |
| Rushes-Yards | 406-1,619 | 334-1,860 |
| Pass-Att-Int | 30-92-13 | 76-131-6 |
| Passing Yards | 466 | 1,178 |
| Total Yards | 2,085 | 3,038 |
| Penalties-Yards | 40-350 | 46-406 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 12-6 | 10-4 |

Individual Stats:
Passing: Robbie Ducharme, 26-for-69, 307 yards, 3 TD's, 9 INTs; Graham Smith 4-12-1, 159 yards, 3 TDs, 2 INTs; Thomas Robarge 1-for-1, 13 yards; Tyler Roberts 0-for-1, 0 yards, 1 INT;
Rushing: Matthew Woods 154-684, 4 TD's; Sam Jennings 82-369, 3 TD's; Graham Smith 73-343, 2 TD's; Charlie Minghella 50-258; Thomas Lawrenson 4-8, Jason Vallee 4-10; Thomas Robarge 4-9 Nick Famikos 2-2; Patrick Carroll 2-2; Ian Falcon 1 - (-4); Travis Haines 1 - (-8); Robbie Ducharme 28-(-17), 1 TD.
Receiving: Dan Judkins 7-121, 3 TD's; Tyler Roberts 9-97, 2 TDs, Travis Haine 1-57, 1 TD; Charlie Minghella 2-54, Tyler DeJesus 7-82, Graham Smith 6-43, Matthew Woods 3-25.
Scoring: Matthew Woods 4 TD's, 1 conversion rush, 26 points; Dan Judkins 3 TD's, 18 points; Sam Jennings 3 TD's, 18 points, Graham Smith 2 TD's, 1 conversion rush, 14 points; Tyler Roberts 2 TDs, 1 conversion reception, 14 points, Travis Haines 1 TD, 1 conv. rush, 8 points, David Woods 1 TD, 6 points, Robbie Ducharme 1 TD, 6 points, Adam Bishop 1 extra point kick, 1 point.

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Rams continue to dominate on Thanksgiving

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TYNGSBORO -- This was supposed to be the year. After 14 straight years of dominance by Shawsheen Tech in their Thanksgiving Day rivalry with Greater Lowell, this was supposed to be the year the Gryphons finally had a chance to wrest the Collins Cup away from the Rams, with their best team in many years, playing on their home field, against a Rams team that had been fighting adversity all season. But in the end, this year turned out to be more of the same for both teams, as Shawsheen rolled to a 35-7 win last Thursday morning, extending their series winning streak to 15 games, and winning for the 20th time in the 24 game history of the Turkey Day rivalry.

Shawsheen (6-5) was led to victory by senior quarterback Alex Tate of Tewksbury, who threw for 268 yards and five touchdowns, three of them to senior wide receiver Andy Diranian, who hauled in five catches for 126 yards on the day, as the Rams rolled to a 28-0 halftime lead before coasting the rest of the way.

"We really expected a tough game," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "We knew Greater Lowell had a very good team and had high expectations coming into the game. And they started off playing well, and shutting down our running game, but we got our passing game going and were able to put up some points."

And put up some points they did. After being held scoreless on their first two possessions of the game, the Rams scored on their next five possessions to take a 35-0 lead before Greater Lowell (7-4) finally got on the board with just over a minute left in the game.

With the game still scoreless midway through the first quarter, the Rams needed just three plays to cover 54 yards, capping the drive with a 15-yard scoring strike

from Tate to Diranian with 4:05 left in the opening quarter. Junior Craig Rich added the first of his five extra points on the day to make it 7-0.

From there the floodgates opened for the Rams, as they scored three more times in the second quarter. It started with a 26-yard pass from Tate to Diranian to make the score 14-0 with 10:00 left in the half, capping off a five play, 63-yard drive that featured completions of 25 and 12 yards to Diranian.

The Rams kept it rolling on their next possession, although they did not need to travel nearly as far, after taking over on the Gryphons 24-yard line on a great punt return.

From there it took only two plays before Tate hooked up with junior receiver Sam Baker for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 7:45 left in the half to make the score 21-0.

Costabile has been impressed with the way Baker has taken his game to another level over the second half of the season.

"Sam has been a big contributor for us this season, and he came up big for us in this one," Costabile said. "He also had four interceptions on defense this year. He played well on both sides of the ball for us."

With a 21-0 lead, the Rams felt pretty comfortable heading into the final minutes of the half, but Greater Lowell looked as if they were ready to respond with a score of their own, driving deep into Shawsheen territory with just over two minutes left in the half.

But Rich halted their scoring threat with an interception in the Shawsheen end zone, setting the Rams up at their own 20-yard line. From there, the Rams needed only four plays to get back on the board, as completions of 32 and 24 yards to Diranian gave the Rams a first down at the Gryphons 32-yard line.

From there Tate connected with senior wide receiver David Lindsey for a 32-yard

scoring strike to make the score 28-0 with 27 seconds left in the half.

"That was really the turning point in the game. That was the nail in the coffin," Costabile said. "We went from them having a chance to get within 21-7 and making a game of it at the half, to us being up 28-0 and pretty much putting the game away. It was great to see us execute the way we did, putting a great drive together to get that score."

Shawsheen capped the scoring with another Tate to Diranian connection, this one coming after Greater Lowell had fumbled a Shawsheen punt at the 30-yard line. The Rams needed only two plays before Tate connected with Diranian from 14 yards out with 3:28 left in the third quarter.

The win over Greater Lowell not only extended the Rams Thanksgiving Day streak, it also allowed them to finish this season with a winning record at 6-5. Shawsheen fought back from records of 0-2 and 3-5 during the season to achieve their winning record and Costabile could not have been prouder of how his team fought throughout the season.

And while the Rams will certainly miss seniors like Tate, Diranian, Lindsey and Billy Tamboli of Tewksbury among others, Costabile also knows there is a strong core of returning players to help lead the team over the next couple of seasons.

Players like juniors Craig Rich and Chris Ferreri, along with sophomores like Baker, Mark Companschi, and Christian Hoar will be among the players relied on heavily next season.

"We will miss those seniors. They have been huge contributors to the success of the program," Costabile said. "But as we look toward next season, we realize we lost two league games in the final minute, where if they went the other way our record looks a lot different."



Shawsheen Tech Football Coach Al Costabile and his three captains from left, Alex Regan of Tewksbury, John Schiavo of Billerica and Alex Tate of Tewksbury, celebrate with the Collins Cup trophy after defeating Greater Lowell once again. (courtesy photo)

Alex Tate ends career with a career day

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TYNGSBORO -- Heading into last Thursday's Thanksgiving Day clash with Greater Lowell, Shawsheen senior quarterback Alex Tate no doubt had visions of how he was hoping the game would go as he wrapped up his football career with the Rams.

Undoubtedly in most of those scenarios he must have envisioned himself walking off the field victorious with him having played a great game in his final appearance in a Rams uniform.

But regardless of how great Tate thought things were going to go for himself and the Rams, it would have been hard for the Tewksbury native's imagination to live up to what turned out to be the reality on Thanksgiving morning, as he completed 19-of-23 passes on the day for 268 yards and a remarkable five touchdowns, leading Shawsheen to a 35-7 victory over their arch rivals.

"It was like a fairy tale ending really," Tate said. "I ended up having one of the best games of my high school career in my last game with all of my family and friends there around me. It was a great way to go out."

With Greater Lowell's defense geared up to stop what has been a very successful Rams running game on the season, Tate's offensive heroics were very much needed by the Rams.

After being stifled on their first two drives of the game while trying to run the ball, Shawsheen coach Al Costabile and his staff decided to switch gears and put the ball in the hands of their quarterback.

And did he ever respond, throwing touchdown passes on four consecutive possessions to end the first half,

giving the Rams a 28-0 halftime lead.

"They had done a good job of stopping us on our first couple of possessions, so we changed things up a bit, and you could tell right from the start that Alex was in for a big day," Costabile said. "They had a real tough time adjusting to the pass, and Alex was just lights out."

Tate started the scoring with a 15-yard touchdown pass to fellow senior Andy Diranian, giving the Rams a 7-0 lead with 4:05 left in the first quarter. He would connect with Diranian again early in the second quarter, this time from 26 yards out, to give Shawsheen a 14-0 lead with 10:00 left in the half.

Overall, he would connect with Diranian for three of his touchdowns and 126 of his passing yards on the day.

"He has been my go to guy for the past two years and he was again on Thanksgiving," Tate said. "Basically, I don't think anyone can really stop him and he makes some incredible catches for me. I know that even if I make a bad throw, he will clean up my mess and make the catch."

But Diranian was not alone in hauling in touchdown passes from Tate on this day. With 7:45 left in the half Tate connected with sophomore Sam Baker from 23 yards out to make the score 21-0, and he closed out the half with a 31 yard scoring strike to senior David Lindsey of Tewksbury with 27 seconds left in the half.

That final touchdown of the half was the dagger for Tate and Shawsheen, especially considering the circumstances just moments earlier when it looked like Greater Lowell was about to score to close within 21-7 until a Craig Rich interception in the end zone returned the ball to Tate at the 20-yard line.

After a 15-yard run by Billy Tamboli of Tewksbury on first down, the Rams once again turned Tate loose and he responded with a 34-yard pass up the sideline to Diranian before connecting with Lindsey from 31 yards out for the touchdown.

"The pass he made to Diranian for the big gain was unbelievable," Costabile said. "He just made a perfect pass up the sideline right on his outside shoulder. You could feel a little air coming out of Greater Lowell after that play."

Tate knew how big the late half score was to his team's success.

"Billy made a nice run on first down, so that allowed us to open it up a little bit, and the next thing you know, we are down near their 30-yard line and were able to go in and score. It was great to go into the locker room up 28-0 instead of 21-7. You have to give Craig Rich credit for making a great play on defense too."

Diranian closed out his big day with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Diranian with 3:28 left in the third quarter to make the score 35-0 before Greater Lowell got on the board late in the game.

As great as Tate's day was individually, he was most happy just to go out a winner along with his teammates, taking home the Collins Cup for the 15th straight time in the history of the rivalry.

"A lot of the seniors were a little nervous heading into the game because we knew Greater Lowell had one of the better teams they have had in a while and we did not want to be the team to end the streak," Tate said. "But we came out ready to play and all of the seniors and everybody else played really well, and we are proud to keep the Collins Cup at Shawsheen Tech for another year."



Tewksbury resident Billy Tamboli had a strong season on both sides of the ball this year for the Rams. (file photo)

Tamboli finishes strong season

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TYNGSBORO -- There were many stars for the Shawsheen Tech Football team this season as the Rams overcame adversity and battled their way to a winning record at 6-5, including a big 35-7 win over Greater Lowell on Thanksgiving morning last Thursday.

But it is unlikely there was a more surprising star for the Rams than senior running back/linebacker Billy Tamboli of Tewksbury, who seemingly came out of nowhere to put together a tremendous season on both sides of the ball for the Rams leading the team in rushing with 903 yards on the season, and scoring seven touchdowns, while also leading them in tackles with 54 on the season.

Shawsheen coach Al Costabile and the rest of the Rams coaches may not have been quite as surprised as Rams fans were at the emergence of the senior star, having seen him in practice over the past couple of seasons, but even Costabile could not help but be impressed with the incredible season Tamboli put together.

"He had a heck of a season. He really excelled on both sides of the ball," Costabile said. "He had played JV for us as a sophomore and played a little bit of varsity for us as a junior, but he came back as a senior determined to have a better season and he did a great job."

"He is a great example for the younger kids on the team that you can make yourself into a good varsity player through hard work."

As for Tamboli, he headed into his senior season knowing this was his last chance to play high school football, and was determined to make the most out of it, and he certainly did just that.

"I knew as a senior, I would

have to step up, so I worked hard in the off season and coach Mignault worked with me to help me be a better running back," Tamboli said. "I just wanted to go into my senior season and give it my best."

It wasn't just on the field where Tamboli was giving it his best for the Rams, as Costabile pointed to the leadership that he provided, even while not officially being one of the team's captain.

"He is a great kid off the field as well as on the field," Costabile said. "What he really proved is something that I have been saying for years, that you don't have to be a captain to be a leader. A lot of kids don't really take that to heart, but he did, and he is a perfect example of being able to do that."

As proud as Tamboli was with his on field exploits this season, it is Costabile's words about what he meant to the team off the field that means the most to him. The fact that other players considered him a leader and some may have even been inspired by his emergence as a senior was the greatest compliment he could receive.

"I think all of our captains showed great leadership, but I wanted to help in whatever way that I could, and hopefully help motivate the team," Tamboli said. "The thought that someone may have been inspired by me is the greatest feeling in the world. To be able to help motivate the younger players is something I definitely wanted to do."

Tamboli showed his willingness to be a team player on Thanksgiving. He did not have his best statistical day, rushing for only 54 yards on ten carries, as Greater Lowell stacked the box to stop the run. But his efforts throughout the season in helping the Rams have a great running game, certainly paid dividends, as the

Gryphons were so eager to stop the run, they forgot to prepare to stop the Rams passing game and senior quarterback Alex Tate of Tewksbury shredded them for 268 yards and five touchdowns.

Tate knows that Tamboli's presence in the backfield made his job a lot easier on Thanksgiving Day.

"Billy has been a big surprise for us," Tate said. "He came in this year and did an amazing job. Greater Lowell was doing their best to stop the run, and it helped us in the passing game."

Of course, it was not just on offense that Tamboli shined, as he was also a standout on defense, playing linebacker for the first time in his football career and leading the team in tackles, while also adding a quarterback sack, a fumble recovery and an interception.

"I had always played cornerback and safety, but I moved up to linebacker this season and it just seemed to work out," Tamboli said. "At first it was a little hard to get used to it, but then it just came to me and I really liked playing there. I am just glad that it worked out well for me and for the team."

Tamboli was thrilled to end his high school football career on a winning note against Greater Lowell, regardless of not putting up his biggest stats of the season, and most glad to have shared it with his mother Jeanine and his sister Christina, who were on hand to watch him play.

"My family has always supported me," Tamboli said. "My mom is like my good luck charm and she made it to almost every game to see me play and my sister has been great too. They have always motivated me to continue to get better, and I am so grateful for the both of them."

Pop Warner C Football team falls in NE Championship game

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WORCESTER- The Wilmington Pop Warner C team ended their historic season on Saturday at Foley Field in the Commercial Bank Arena in Worcester.

Heading into the New England Pop Warner Division 3 Pee Wee Championship Game with a flawless 12-0 record, the Wildcats found themselves outmatched by the North Attleborough team, losing 32-14.

Previously, the Wildcats had scorched through the regular season before securing the Eastern Mass. Championship. But in the New England Championship game, the Wildcats struggled early and often.

Numerous penalties and other mental breakdowns seriously hurt the Wildcats. The team scrambled to gain offensive momentum and found themselves unable to halt North Attleborough's marches down the field.

"We had some mental breakdowns for the team," head coach Dickie Hersom said. "We had an off-day."

The troubles began in the very first possession of the game. The team failed to make a first down, an extremely rare occurrence for the normally unstoppable Wildcat offense. North Attleborough would score on their subsequent possession, making two first downs as they went almost unimpeded down the field.

A personal foul allowed North Attleborough to move up 15 yards from the 19-yard line. They scored immediately afterwards.

Things did not improve in the second quarter. After successful defense by Shane Roberts and Dylan Timmons, the Wildcats forced a punt from North

Attleborough. But only moments after taking control of the offense, Wilmington fumbled and the ball was recovered by North Attleborough. They scored shortly afterwards, placing Wilmington in a 14-0 hole.

The Wildcats snapped back into focus and scored on their next possession. Carries by Brian Gallucci, Diondre Turner and Adam LeBlanc earned the team two first downs before Gallucci punched a hole through the defense and notched the team's first points of the game. Gallucci would also take the successful extra point kick.

North Attleborough immediately responded, running the ball from their own 29-yard line to Wilmington's 20-yard line for a 51-yard gain. The Wilmington defense struggled to contain key receivers on the North Attleborough offense.

"They had their key players who were doing their job," Hersom said. "We knew to expect them from video."

The Wildcats would not score again until the end of the fourth quarter. Trailing 32-8, Gallucci singlehandedly ran the ball from the Wilmington 46-yard line to the North Attleborough five-yard line. Turner would make the final end run, scoring with only 48 seconds remaining in the game.

The subsequent extra point attempt was unsuccessful.

As upset as players, coaches and fans were to lose in the state championship game, the C team went eleven games without a single loss and handily defeated their other opponents in the playoffs. This was Wilmington's first year as a Division 3 team, making this year's C team the first to go on such a run and

enjoy such success.

"I would say the biggest achievement is how they all developed and worked together," said Deb Smith, the President of Wilmington Pop Warner. "You have kids from all different backgrounds and their biggest achievement is that they came together. They started out as kids and now they are a team."

With this long season finished, the team and program can now take a breather before getting ready for whatever comes next.

"Hopefully there will be even bigger and better things to come from them in the future," Smith said.


"I love this team and I'm glad that I'll have this team back again next year," Hersom said.




The Wilmington Pop Warner C team saw its terrific season come to an end on Saturday with a loss to North Attleborough in the New England Division 3 Championship Game. (courtesy photo).



Last week, the Town Crier ran a blurb about the WHS Girls Soccer team's post-season awards. Left out on the list was Head Coach Sue Hendee, who was named the Massachusetts Division 2 Coach of the Year. She joined her players, from left: Kelie Souza, Christina Spinos and Devyn Malatesta, who all participated in last week's Eastern Mass All-Star game which Hendee Coached. (courtesy photo).









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Michelle Woods passes 1,000 point plateau in her junior year

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over Lyndon State before putting in eight in the loss last Tuesday night.

"Michelle is our most versatile player," said Traversi. "Her ability to face up as well as score back to the basket presents a huge challenge for her opponents. Michelle also has the ability to knock down the long range three (pointer) if need be."

Woods was a very good high school player at WHS under then head coach Jay Keane, who made the trip to both games to watch Woods make history, while he also coached both Vitale and Fahey and were on hand for their special nights as well. Woods was also named the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year back in December of 2012. Then the following year she enrolled at Wheelock College and it's been a perfect fit for her both academically and athletically.

"I'm definitely happy with my decision to come here," she said. "Between my major of education, playing basketball and all of the people I've become friends with, it couldn't have gone any better. Plus I'll be starting my student-teaching at a school in Roxbury so I'm excited about that. I love being here in the city."

During her first two seasons playing basketball,

Woods was first named the NECC Rookie of the Year as a freshman and has also been named one of the league's top five players in each season, selected to the NECC All-Conference team.

Last year as a sophomore, the 5-foot-8 forward averaged 18.2 points per game, while she had 212 rebounds, 42 assists and ended up with 473 points, which came after scoring 400 as a freshman.

The amazing part of all of it is Wheelock has never had a winning season in its history. The program had a combined record of 46-233 entering this season. Woods has been a part of 17 (18 now) of those wins in just two seasons - while she wasn't a part of 29 combined wins coming between 1995 to 2012.

"In three years at Wheelock, Michelle Woods has been the face of the women's basketball program," said Traversi. "With her impressive athleticism and commanding presence on court she exceeds expectations. In my second season here at Wheelock, I have seen first hand Woods' talent and passion translate to success both on and off the court."

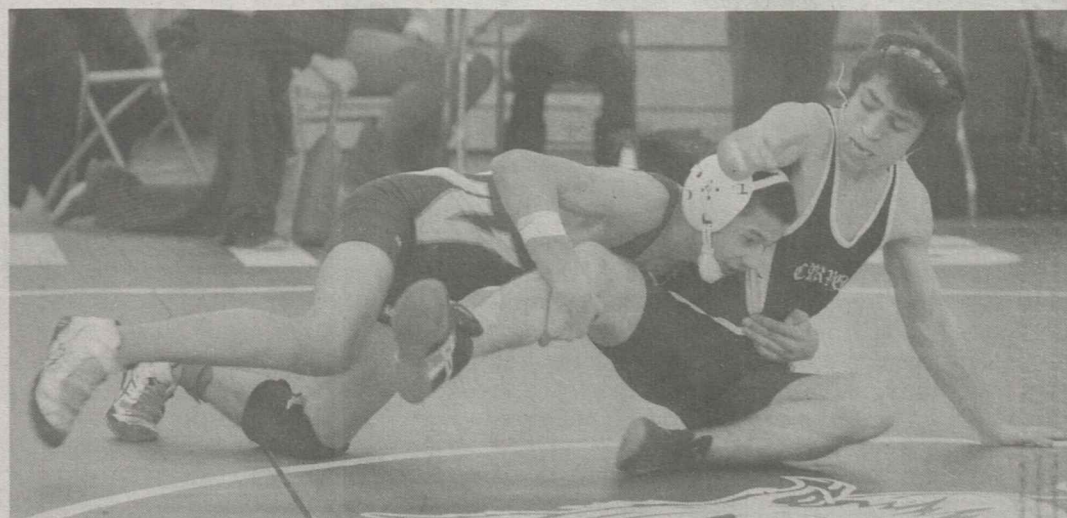
"In my opinion Michelle is just scratching the surface of her basketball capabilities. Her best bas-

ketball is ahead of her."

Woods is just two games over the mid-way point of her career and already has 1,005 career points so the sky is really the limit for her. She is very humble about the entire scoring ordeal and realizes that she never would have done it without the support of her teammates, without the addition of Traversi - who she said has helped her in so many different ways on and off the basketball court - and of course her family and friends.

"My whole family were there. My parents (Tom and Terry), my sisters (Stephanie and Christina), my aunts, uncles and cousins were all there and I can't thank them enough for supporting me," Woods said. "Plus Jay Keane was there. He also traveled all the way to Vermont for the Lyndon Game and that's three hours away. I'm just so thankful to have such a supportive family and friends."

Woods said that her next goal is to break the school's all-time scoring mark of 1,178. She is only 173 points away from that and you can bet that Michelle's roommate, best friend and teammate Jaime Grzych will deliver the pass on that milestone, too.



Former WHS Wrestler Fox Maxwell, who is now a senior at Winchester High, will be wrestling next year at Iowa Lakes College. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)

Maxwell, now at Winchester, will be wrestling in Iowa next year

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WILMINGTON -- Local wrestling fans may not be familiar with Iowa Lakes Community College at the moment. But it seems likely they will become quite familiar with the school, and more particularly, their outstanding wrestling program over the next couple of seasons, as two of the best high school wrestlers in the area will be headed to Midwest starting in the Fall of 2016.

The most recent local grappler to verbally commit to becoming a Laker is Fox Maxwell, formerly of Wilmington High, who is now attending Winchester High, after transferring for his senior season.

Maxwell, who wrestled in the 126-pound division last season for Wilmington High, and advanced to the All-State Meet after finishing third in the Division 3 State

Meet, joins Tewksbury High senior Brok Dokos in bringing their talents to the state that many consider the amateur wrestling capital of the United States.

And Iowa Lakes may very well be at the top of the class among community college wrestling programs. It is a program that has been around for only eight seasons, but has already made their presence felt in the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Division 1, finishing sixth, seventh and tenth in the national rankings during their brief history, with 17 All-Americans, including two-time national champion Freddie Rodriguez and Victor DeJesus.

DeJesus, a 2009 graduate of Lowell High, went on to wrestle at Arizona State University after graduating from Iowa Lakes.

Thanks to Dokos, Maxwell became very familiar with Iowa Lakes fine reputation, and he cannot wait to join his friend and rival on the Lakers roster.

"I first got seriously interested in Iowa Lakes after my good friend Brok Dokos committed there," Maxwell said. "He knew I was still looking for a place to continue my wrestling career after high school. At the time I was being recruited by prep schools for a post-graduate year but didn't like the cost of a prep year, so I was kind of in a dilemma and he called me and was telling me to at least look at Iowa Lakes."

Once he started looking, it did not take Maxwell long to decide that Iowa Lakes was right for him.

"I took his advice and looked into it and started talking to their coach and the more I learned about it the more I thought this was the place for me," Maxwell said. "I like their wrestling program because they have had kids move on from Iowa Lakes to Division 1 powerhouses like Minnesota and Arizona State to name a few. I like how it's a small school so you can really excel there."

Wilmington coach Joel McKenna, who coached Maxwell for the first three years of his career (first year as an assistant) at Wilmington High before Maxwell's decision to transfer this year, liked what he saw of Maxwell as a junior last season on his way to the All-State Tournament. That's when Maxwell won his first round match by a score of 8-5 over Lawrence's Victor Guzman, coming back late in the match to get the victory.

"Fox got down early, but like all year, few kids were able to keep pace with him," McKenna said at the time. "Especially at the end of the match, that's when he's most dangerous. He can score at will when others are tired and done. He's got a high end motor."

As much as Maxwell enjoyed wrestling for

McKenna and the Wildcat, the opportunity to join one of the best wrestling programs in the state in Winchester for his senior year, was just too great to pass up.

"The idea of first transferring for my senior year first came around the mid-way point of last season. After talking with my parents and assistant coach Peter Mitchell we decided that in order to reach my goal of being a Division 1 (collegiate) wrestler, transferring might be in my best interest," Maxwell said. "After hearing from powerhouse New England programs like Mount Anthony, Lincoln-Sudbury, Winchester, Shawsheen, and St. John's, and after weighing it out with my family and Club Coach Mike Marshall we felt like Winchester was the best place for me academically and wrestling wise."

And so far, the transition has been very smooth, for Maxwell and for Winchester.

"The adjustment has been great so far. Having legendary coach Larry Trembley as my coach is an honor. He is one of the founding fathers of New England wrestling. Getting to have great drill partners like two-time returning state finalist Anthony Fraumeni to push me every day in practice will help me a lot. My 'funky' style will mix well with Trembley's straight-forward approach of wrestling."

Although he is no longer with Wilmington High, Maxwell still has plenty of great memories of being a Wildcat, where as a sophomore he was 43-17, including a fourth place finish at the Mount Anthony Tournament. Then in the post-season he was a Middlesex League Finalist, sectional finalist, and earned a seventh place finish at the Division 3 State Tournament.

He was even better during his remarkable junior season last year when he went 52-7, earning a third place finish at the Sons of Italy Tournament, and the Mount Anthony Tournament, while one again advancing to the sectional finals, and the Middlesex League finals, while finishing third at the State Tournament.

He was a Middlesex League and Lowell Sun All-Star in both his sophomore and junior seasons.

"I have many great memories of wrestling for Wilmington but two really stick out to me," said Maxwell. "One was my sophomore year upsetting the number one and number three ranked kids in the state in my first and second ever varsity matches."

"Those wins really put me on the map. The other one was losing first round of states this year and wrestling back five or six matches to take third and knocking state placer after state placer on that run and then especially getting pay back by beating Max Whyman who beat me the week before was really icing on the cake."

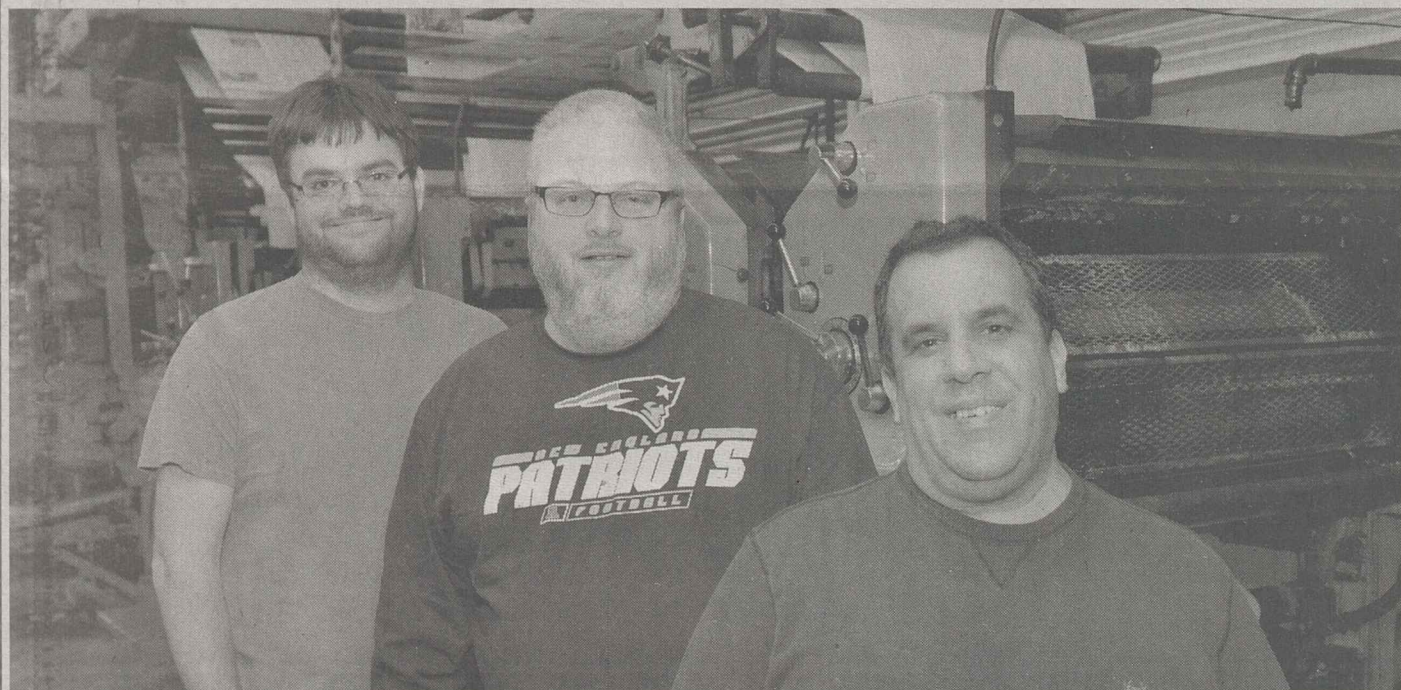
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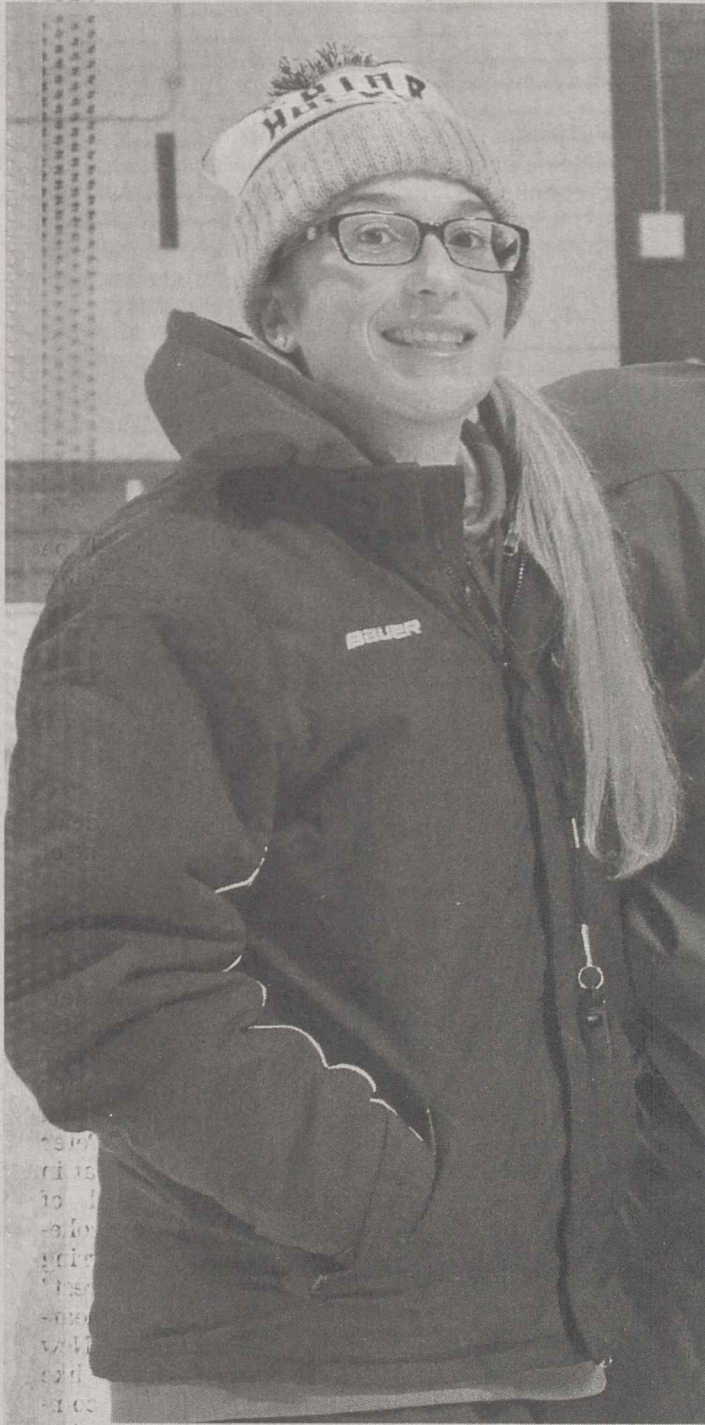
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After two seasons as the Tewksbury/Methuen Girls Hockey Coach, Arianna Rigano has resigned to take the same position at Lexington High School. (photo by JoeBrown.photo).

After two seasons Rigano leaves for Lexington

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METHUEN -- After two successful seasons, Arianna Rigano is stepping down as head coach of the Tewksbury-Methuen Co-Op Girls Hockey team as she has accepted the same position at Lexington High School.

The program has since named Sarah Oteri, a former Andover High assistant, as the new coach.

Rigano assumed control of the team in 2013 and led the Red Rangers to a combined record of 34-6-1.

"It was more of a personal decision," Rigano said. "The decision had nothing to do with the performance of the team. I really enjoyed coaching with the Tewksbury-Methuen team and working with these girls and with Methuen and Tewksbury athletic directors."

Oteri is now the program's third coach in four years following Kim Bruff (1 season) and then Rigano. Bruff resigned after the inaugural season after giving her birth to her first child. Rigano stepped in as coach to replace her friend and former Providence College teammate and led the Red Rangers an 11-8-3 record.

Under Rigano, the Red Rangers were a very strong team, led by Methuen resident Amanda Conway, who last year set the state record with goals in a season of 86.

The 2013-2014 team went 19-2-1 for the regular season, only to lose in the very first game of the state tournament, against Sandwich. The 2014-2015 fared better, surviving the first round against Fontbonne only to lose to Burlington in the second round.

"Overall, the group of girls

were awesome and they really made it enjoyable to go to the rink every day," Rigano said. "They really made it fun to coach, and they always brought a positive attitude."

Rigano leaves the team for Lexington High School, which competes in a very tough Middlesex League.

"I think Arianna did a very good job coaching the team," said Jim Weymouth, Athletic Director of Methuen High School. "She helped the girls realize that they were capable of playing against anyone. She certainly has a passion for coaching."

Oteri is now faced with picking up where Rigano left off and leading a team that has much higher expectations. Oteri inherits a program that has lost several key players, including Conway, and has only a few short weeks to take control of the team before competition begins. But the athletic departments have the utmost faith in her abilities.

"Arianna did a great job while she was here and anytime you lose somebody like that it's tough to replace but we feel like we have landed back on our feet with this hire (of Oteri)," said Ron Drouin, Athletic Director of the Tewksbury Memorial High School.

For her part, Rigano wishes her replacement well, and advises her to be appreciative of whatever twists and turns the season takes.

"There were a lot of things that helped me as a coach," Rigano said. "Even with the highs and lows, enjoy all of it. Don't get too high and don't get too low. You want the girls to have fun with the high school experience."

Jamie Pote contributed to this report

Hood tournament a complete success

While most of us in Tewksbury were relaxing after over-indulging in turkey or hitting the Black Friday sales, the Tewksbury gyms were hopping with more than 40 travel basketball teams playing in the Officer James Hood Travel Basketball Tournament.

With eleven competitive divisions in fourth through eighth grade, more than 80 basketball games were played at the Ryan, Wynn, TMHS, and Lowell Catholic gyms over the weekend. Teams from all over Merrimack Valley and New Hampshire competed in this annual tournament.

Tewksbury travel teams successfully made it to six of the eleven championship games, with two of them bringing home the hardware.

Scott Wilson guided his team to the 7th Grade Division 1 Championship with a hard-fought one-point victory over a strong Westford team.

The Sixth Grade Red team,

coached by Jim Sullivan, played one of the most exciting youth basketball games in recent memory, with a triple overtime victory over Hudson, NH. Christian Marsden made a 3-point shot with less than four seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime for Tewksbury.

Luke Maresca, Tommy Crawford, and Christian Marsden made clutch free throws in the third overtime to seal the victory for the Tewksbury 6th graders. Leading scorers for the game were Luke Maresca and Christian Marsden with 14 points each while Brady Lane had six points, Jeremy Perez five points, Tommy Crawford and Danny Fleming four points each and Aidan Trulli chipped in with two points. Ryan Melo contributed with outstanding defense while Michael Sullivan contributed with several assists and David Miller was outstanding on defense and contributed rebounding.

This was a complete team win in which these boys fought back from a 10-point deficit in the second half and went 5-of-6 from the free throw line in the third overtime to outscore Hudson 5-3 for the victory!

In other championship games, The Eighth Grade Red team, coached by Mike Iannacci couldn't hold off a powerful Hudson (NH) team, while Joe Zenga's Eighth Grade White came up short against Lowell.

Ken Griffin's Seventh Grade Blue battled to the end but fell five points short against a physical Wilmington team. Anthony Burgess took his Fourth Grade Red team to the finals in this preseason tournament for their first travel basketball season, but they couldn't get past an athletic Methuen team.

This tournament was dedicated to Tewksbury Police Detective Sergeant James Hood in 2003. Officer Hood as he was known by most was the town's first juvenile

officer. His passion for helping the youth in this community remains unmatched and extended far beyond his official duties as the town's juvenile officer.

Officer Hood supported all youth activities within the town, especially the Tewksbury Boys Basketball League, to which he was an avid supporter and longtime volunteer.

For all that Officer Hood did for the youth of Tewksbury, it was decided after his untimely passing in 2003, by unanimous vote of the Tewksbury Boys Basketball Leagues Board of Directors and with the full support of the Tewksbury Police Department, that the formerly named Tewksbury Turkey Shoot-Out Thanksgiving Tournament would be re-named and dedicated in his honor.

The proceeds from the tournament support the TBBL Scholarships given annually to Tewksbury students.



The Tewksbury 6A Boys Basketball team includes: Back Row: Assistant Coach Kevin Maresca, Assistant Tricia Fleming, Thomas Crawford, David Miller, Christian Marsden, Daniel Fleming, Brady Lane, Coach Jim Sullivan and front row: Jeremy Perez, Luke Maresca, Ryan Melo, Michael Sullivan and Aidan Trulli. (courtesy photo).



The Tewksbury 7A Boys Basketball team includes: Back Row: Assistant Colby Wilson, Coach Scott Wilson, Kalu Olu, Rory Power, Luke Tryder, Dom Valaway, Will McKay, Assistant Tyler Wilson and Assistant Coach Derek McGaffigan; and front row from left: Benny Svendsen, Elias Melki, Michael Kelly and Adam Favreau. Missing from photo: Hunter Delonais and Michael Cronin. (courtesy photo).

Jr. Redmen Youth Hockey team advances to tournament championship game

The Tewksbury Jr. Redmen Squirt AAA Hockey Team played in the 2015 Cornucopia Cup Tournament in Salem, NH over the Thanksgiving weekend featuring a number of talented Select/Club Teams from all over New England.

The kids from Tewksbury had a great showing as they went undefeated in round-robin play with wins over Top Gun Hockey, Southern Maine Breakers, and the Maine Gladiators; before losing a heartbreaking 3-2 decision in the

Championship Game. The 3-1 record over the weekend improves the Jr. Redmen's overall season record to 20-3-3.

The Jr. Redmen opened up the journey on Friday November 27th with a morning battle against the Top Gun 2005s.

The locals came out flying and took a 1-0 lead just 2:27 into the game when Brady Chapman fired a wrist shot off the left post and into the back of the net, assists on the goal going to James Kierce and Cooper

Robillard.

Top Gun battled back and created some offensive zone pressure but they could not penetrate the rock-solid defense of Alex Sovie, Collin Strong, Cooper Robillard, and James Kierce.

The second period was completely dominated by the Jr. Redmen as they used their team speed and puck-moving ability to control play for the majority of the period. Great scoring chances from Joey Bourgea and Nick Calouro were turned away by the Top Gun

goalie.

The Jr. Redmen were finally rewarded for their hard work when Matthew Cooke fired a wicker wrist past the Top Gun goalie with 3:49 left in the middle period, assists on the goal going to Conor Cremin and Matthew Doherty.

The third period started with Top Gun cutting the lead in half as they scored on the powerplay off a bad bounce in front of the Jr. Redmen net. The Jr. Redmen showed their "Tewksbury Tough" attitude

and battled right back, regaining the two-goal lead thanks to Brady Chapman's second goal of the game as he buried a one-timer from the high slot, assist to Conor Cremin. The Jr. Redmen got great goaltending from Megan Cunningham to close out the game and left the rink with a convincing win over Top Gun.

On Saturday November 28th the Jr. Redmen were back at The iCenter in Salem for a game against the Southern Maine Breakers. The locals came

out flat and the Breakers took advantage as they took a 1-0 lead just 38 seconds into the game.

The Breakers kept attacking and had a number of quality scoring chances to increase their lead but Jr. Redmen super-goalie Megan Cunningham made a number of saves that were worthy of ESPN's "Play of the Day".

The Jr. Redmen got their legs moving and opened the second period with one of their patented scoring

JR REDMEN PG SP9T

Blue Devils and Gators match up on the basketball court

CADET DIVISION

Blue Devils vs Gators

The Blue Devils' Srivas Arun continued to lead the team's lock down defense. Sam Berry and Sean Maloney were a force in the paint. Ben Christopher's outside shot continued to rattle the rim, while Will O'Neill ripped down the majority of the team rebounds. Miller Brooks nicely ran the point throughout the game, while Tyler Bourgea and Nicholas Burgess ran the Blue Devils' fast break attack.

The Minutemen had a great game against the Gators. The team had scoring help from Jason DiPalma, Mateus Fraga, Jason Flavin and Emeka Olu. Cole Doherty, Jason Grant and Payton Haines all chipped in with good defense to keep the game close.

The Gators were led by high scorers Sean Callahan, Brody Dick and Zach Chase. Also holding off the Minutemen was some great defense by the Lombardo brothers (Paul and Anthony) and Jake Cave.

Huskies vs Eagles

The Huskies had a big first half lead by Maddox Dobson (6 pts), Michael Devlin (4 pts) and some outstanding defense and rebounding from Alan Dang (2 pts), Nicholas Kuras and Jack Krauss. The Huskies got big contributions from in the second half from James Holden (6 pts), Grayson Ryder (2 pts) and Hunter Holloway (2 pts).

The Eagles played a good game against a tough opponent in the Huskies. Brian Donnelly and Dylan McNelley made their presence known on defense making it very difficult for the Huskies to score. Mikey Colameta, Ben Panilaitis and Brady Schofield did their best under the hoop with rebounding and blocked shots.

Ben Panilaitis, Michael Colameta and Brandon Cohen pushed the ball on offense taking and creating numerous shots. Scoring contribution came from Brandon Cohen (6 pts), Ben Panilaitis (2 pts) and Mikey Colameta (2 pts).

Wildcats vs Terriers

The Terriers were led in scoring by Ben Barrasso and Sean Kocsmiersky who scored ten and eight points respectively. Hunter Gervais also chipped in for two

points to round out the scoring for the Terriers. Jake Burns, Owen Hiltz, and Owen Wall all contributed to the team's aggressive defense with some steals, rebounds, and contested shots.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Thunder 14, Heat 2

The defenses kept the teams scoreless for the first six minutes of the game. Point guards Vincent Ciano (2 pts) and Aaron Ramsey (2 pts) started up the offense and broke the scoreless drought with the first points of the game. Evan Galanis (4 pts), Matt Clark and Matt Ramsey (4 pts) added to the lead at the half bringing the score to 10-2.

The Thunder were lead on defense by Evan Galanis' six steals. Spectacular defense was everywhere for the thunder. Nathan Galanis (2 pts), Matt Clark (2 pts) and Alex Dellorusso grabbed offensive and defensive rebounds. Ryan King and the Ramsey brothers started several fast breaks. Jack Ramsey played stellar defense in the final minutes of the game.

Heat players were diving for balls and running down loose balls. Cameron Heichman had a big defensive rebound for us. Aayush Ranjit had several blocks, rebounds, and ran some good transition offense.

Bulls 16, Knicks 13

Joe Barletta of the Bulls came right out of the gate with two strong baskets in the first quarter. Andrew Ryder, Peter Impink and Aiden MacDonald all contributed to the offense with four points each. Owen Kinnon, Derek Wogan, Cameron Kingston, Owen Caggiano, Wyatt Lefebvre and Kyle Sandberg were very strong defensively limiting the Knicks offense.

The Bulls jumped out to an early lead that proved to be too much for the Knicks to overcome. Philip Lombardi led the Knicks with seven points while Ethan Hines, David Lam and Austin Manna each chipped in two points. Not lost in the game was some very good defensive play after the first quarter of play led by Luke Nazzaro.

Lakers 22, Clippers 14

The Lakers' offensive attack was led by PJ Civitarese with ten points followed by Ryan Thompson and Andre Monteiro with

four points each. Cameron Thompson and Jake Civitarese each contributed two points each. The defense by Nick Kearney, Jason Mitchell, Jason Morris, Quintin Kelley and Aiden Kelley kept the Lakers in the game.

Cavs 24, Celtics 14

For the Celtics, Ryan Saad scored six points and Alexandre Almeida added three points. Seamus Naughton scored his first basket of the season on a nice play from the paint. Jimmy Maloney and William Fillmore had great hustle on defense. Danny Holmes once again showed great anticipation on defense, came up with steals and great shot opportunities.

Alex Grove added a couple of steals and took down a few rebounds. Adam Saad made his season debut, contributing by driving many times to the hoop. Jimmy Holmes rounded out the team effort by making some smart inbound passes to keep the team moving forward.

Warriors 15, Spurs 10

The Warriors played another strong game this week with Jake Ryan scoring five points, Ryan Benchater scoring four, and Michael Galvin, Kenny Nguyen, and Adam DiCiaccio all scoring two. Great rebounding from Jonathan Beliecki and Anthony DiFranco coupled with outstanding hustle from Lucas Adams, Michael Donahoe, and Zachary Salvaggio helped the Warriors on their way to a 15-10 win.

Playing a big role on defense were Spurs' players Paul Allen, Ethan Zadig and Ryan Winter. The scoring for the Spurs came from Mason Haines who was on fire with six points, and Morgan Dunham and Jaden Maxi each adding two points. Rebounding for the team came from twin towers of Carter Forbes and CJ Newkirk who came up big under the rim.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Clippers 26, Lakers 18

The Clippers got their second win of the season on Saturday with a great all around team effort. Connor Broderick (2 pts) got the scoring started from the opening tip off. Jonah Bennett's hustle at both ends of the court helped create opportunities for the

offense, with the scoring being led by Sam Hines (7 pts), Cooper Lemieux (6 pts), and Sam Barbagallo (6 pts). Derek Musgrave's hustle and defense as well as Stephen O'Hearn making great passes, led to extra possessions and good opportunities for the Clippers.

Daniel Richardson (2 pts) and Josh Engelken (2 pts) had key buckets at the end of the game. Drew Nestor continued to run the offense well and hit a big late free throw to help secure the win.

The Lakers had great passing, defense and hustle from Justin Darrigo, Will Forbes, Jacob Martel, Max Mattuchio, and John O'Donnell. Leading the team in scoring was Lee Ghannam with ten points, Evan Silva with five points and Tyler Trodden with one point. D.J. Bresette added his two points off of a rebound.

Warriors vs Spurs

The Warriors' Alex Pace was the defensive player of the game for his shutdown defense. Kyle Adams helped the effort with four points and seven rebounds. Brady Litton and Michael Hill led the Warriors with seven points apiece. Jacob Mellen scored two points and was a rebounding machine with nine rebounds.

Michael Ryan was a force in the paint on defense with three blocked shots and five rebounds. Dylan Crowley had a monster game on both ends of the court finishing with six points, seven rebounds and steals. Johnny Baker had a solid game showcasing his shooting, rebounding and ball-handling skills.

Celtics 26, Cavs 25

The Cavs got off to a quick start thanks to early buckets from Jack Stadtman and Joey Arsenault. But, the Celtics hung tough. The game went back and forth due to some tough defense from Alex Naghbi and Scott Lightburn.

The Cavs were able to battle back late with a driving bucket from Anthony Naghbi and two quick hoops from Kodie Legrand and Tyler Leeds. With James Carroll and Louis Mascia grabbing important rebounds.

Heat 42, Knicks 14

Everybody jumped into the scoring column for the Heat including 14 points each from Aiden Crogan and

Derek Wilkinson. Alex Johnston added eight points while Joe Romero, Colin Caggiano, and James Demato all dropped in two points each.

Nicholas Alvarado and Sam Ros brought the Knicks offense down the court leading to scores by Robert Ryan (6 points), Eric Bellavia (4 points), and Erik Impink and Colin Hansbury with two points each.

Leading the way with a huge defensive effort was Brandon Waddell who had three steals and three rebounds. He was assisted by Billy Erickson, Nathan Petrone and Liam McDermott underneath the net combining for rebounds and a blocked shot.

SENIOR DIVISION

Cavs 38, Spurs 32

The Cavs had another great game, facing a really tough team. It was a back and forth game with a lot of good defense from Ryan Rosenberg and Jason Donaher. Harrison Graczyk had a big 3-point shot with two more baskets. Tyler Paulding had eight points, while, Luke Moriera, Cam Loder and Jason Martineau had six points each, and Mihir Bagul had 2. Nick Johnston added a free throw shot.

The Spurs started off playing good defense and scoring 13 points in the first quarter. Scoring contributions came from Arya Mehrabani (4) Mike Fowler (2), Alex Newcombe (2), Matt Ferreira (2), Sean Fahey (1) and Nick Smith (2). James Ministeri played great defense with three steals and turnaround passing to his teammates for assist. Rhen Trinidad was all over the court contributing (2) points to the effort.

Sean Fahey added a couple of assists to help the Spurs before going out of the game. Robbie Kimtis played great defense along with contributing two baskets.

Knicks 44, Clippers 36

The Knicks were led by Tyler Demers who poured in 18 points. The scoring was spread around with James Kochakian (11), Logan Rienhard (8) and Jack Balboni (7) all contributing. Playing a great defensive game were Robert Cortes and Charlie Matsas.

The Clippers were able to slow down the Knicks fast breaks, with the help of defensive plays by Kyle Braciska, Riley Auth, Jason

Barnes and Shawn Manson. The Clippers closed the deficit to six points by the second half with Cullain Johnson and Mike Kelleher crashing the boards, each with seven rebounds.

The Clippers offense moved the ball around with nice passing by Shawn Manson, Dylan Dufresne and Riley Auth. The Clippers scoring was led by Cullain Johnson with 13 points, Shawn Manson and Dylan Dufresne each with six points, Riley Auth with four points, Kyle Braciska with three and Jason Barnes and Josh Linehan with two points each.

Warriors 32, Celtics 31

Scoring contributions for the Warriors came from Derek Munroe, Gavin Thomasset, Alec Sokol and Calvin Silva. Defensive and rebounding contribution came from Dominic Cohen, Logan Gallagher, Liam MacDonald and Bobby O'Hearn. In the second half the Celtics started to gain momentum and even though the Warrior scored nine points in the third quarter (7 by Liam MacDonald) the Celtics were only down three going into the fourth quarter.

The Warriors found themselves down 31-30 with 1:30 left on the clock. Then Rodrigo Coelho hit a jump shot to help the Warriors take a one point lead. The Warriors defense held strong on the Celtics next two possessions and they were able to secure their first win of the season.

Scoring totals for the Warriors were Liam MacDonald (9 pts), Gavin Thomasset (8 pts), Alec Sokol (5 pts), Derek Munroe (4 pts) Rodrigo Coelho (4 pts) and Calvin Silva (2 pts).

Heat 36, Thunder 29

The Thunder were led in scoring by newcomer Aiden Lefler, Robert Chisholm and Jack O'Neill. Joshua Kasule was a defensive force with numerous blocks.

Lakers vs Bulls

Matt Rosemond of the Lakers led all scorers with 18 points, followed closely by Doug Renna and Ken Wilson who each contributed 16. Ryan Fraser had a great game all over the court and added six points of his own. Zach Wilson had several steals and rebounds while Mikey Bankowski contributed with some key assists and defensive stops.

Rockers edge out Mystics in Youth Girls Hoop play

Junior League

Rockers 14, Mystics 11

It was whole a team effort for the Rockers with Victoria Lavargna leading the way in comeback win, with six of her eight points coming in fourth quarter. Teammates Jessica Marquis, Brook Hatch and Kiley McFadden each adding in additional baskets.

Offense alone didn't help the Rockers propel to victory, as Aislin Davis led the way with key defensive stops, who along with Mackenzie Hickey, Brook Bunyon and Ava Paquett all worked together to pull off the win.

Rockers 14, Mystics 11

Scoring leaders for the Rockers were Victoria Catanzano netting (7), Tia Smith (2) and Avery DellaPiana (2). Stephanie Mercurio, Jillian Waugh, Emma Ryan and Adrianna Damiano were strong on offense with excellent passes and quick heads-up plays.

Defensively, Morgan Crowley was aggressive stripping the ball away and creating Rocker turnovers with ease. Rebecca Boudreau and Lauren Bielecki were under the basket blocking shots and pulling down key rebounds.

Mercury 13, Storm 10

Team Storm was led by Dakota Malizia with six points, Skyler Auth and Darya Mehrabani each touched in a basket for two points.

On the defensive side of the ball Jocelyn Kinnon and Madelyn Montejo came away with multiple rebounds. Cassidy Paige, Brooklyn DeGrecchie and Emily Tryder each had defensive steals which helped the offense in some scoring chances.

Intermediate League

Cardinals 32, Huskies 23

Scoring for the Cardinals in the first quarter were Christina Capachietti, Olivia Burns, Bella Dematos, and Kristen

Curley. More impressive was their team defense. The above four were joined by Kylie Galvin who was key with great passes to her teammates and as well so helpful keeping the Huskies at bay.

The Huskies' Gabby Navarette, Ava Piccolo, Courtney Capachietti, and Becca Langone joined Olivia Burns with some key defense against the Huskie's key travel players. The team also had some great offense from Gabby Navarette and Courney Cappachietti.

The Cardinals scoring was led by Christina Capachietti with 16 points, Oliva Burns and Bella Dematos with four points, Gabby Navarette, Courtney Capachietti, Kylie Galvin, and Kristen Curley rounded out the scoring with two points each.

Eagles 28, Cougars 16

The Eagles pressing line of Amanda Moreira, Jaclyn Dillon, Rose Strobel, Hannah Kocsmiersky, and Catalina Burke did the most damage, making the most of their turnover opportunities.

Nearly every Eagle got into the scoring column, with Allie Indingaro leading the way with ten points and Alyssandra Ragusa with four points. Madison Stovesand led the team in rebounds and Megan Boudreau led the team in assists.

Wolverines 34, Terriers 31
Alyssa Marchelletta of the Wolverines showed her

never say die attitude by scoring nine points in the fourth quarter and three additional points in overtime. Overall, Marchelletta had 21 points in the game to lead the Wolverines.

Abby MacAllister had three points and Brooke Woodman, Emily Walker, Jessica Hickey, Nicole Potito and Olivia Paulding each had two points to round out the scoring.

Defense and rebounding were key to the Wolverines victory with Paulding and Woodman collected five rebounds each, Sara Hunt, Hickey and Marchelletta with four each, Lexie Bobotas gathered three of her own. Marchelletta earned nine steals, Paulding had six, Potito had five and MacAllister had three to headline a very aggressive Wolverine's defense.

Jayhawks 28, Badgers 15

The Jayhawks hit the score board first with some nice passing from Sadie Basile and Brianna Iandoli (2 pts) to feed MaryKate Callinan (12 pts) and Maisan Nguyen (2 pts).

On defense Kayla Mirisola had (3) blocks, 2 steals and was working hard on both ends of the court followed by Jordan Gardner (4 steals, 2 blocks and 4 rebounds).

The game was back and forth with scoring then Erin McIntyre (10 points including two foul shots) ran the court with some great passing feeds from Madison Kearney (2 pts).

The Jayhawks earned the

first team win of the season and the game ball award went to MaryKate Callinan.

Waves 29, Wildcats 5

The Waves came out strong in the first half with 17 points. Great defense was exhibited by Kendall Von Kahle and Danielle Wilson while Maeve Cahill and Katie Polimeno contributed four points each to the score.

The second half continued with Ashley Demers hustling on offense scoring a bucket in the fourth while Lexi Polimeno had a strong game scoring seven points. Samara Cook and Izabella Moriera were great contributors on offense and defense.

Senior League

Pacers 34 vs. Blazers 21

In the first quarter, steals was the key for the Pacers with six team steals from four different players including two each from Kerry Shea and Kendall Donahoe. Mikayla Enax led the scoring with three buckets.

In the second quarter, Haley Mignon kept the defensive pressure on the Blazers with eight steals. Rachel Scaringi was active on defense and she and Katelyn Quinn-Cyr notched all but one of the rebounds for the team.

If not for the 18 team rebounds (Shea with 7 and Shannon Crowley with 5) denying second chances the Blazers may have been able to take the lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Blazers stayed close but then Briana Walker and Mignon found a good rhythm using the break effectively and were able to pull away in the end for the 13-point victory.

Scoring for the Pacers was Mignon 13, Walker eight, Enax six, Caitlyn Fiore, Quinn-Cyr, and Shea with two, and Donahoe one. Crowley led the team in rebounds. Mignon and Donahoe led the team in assists with four. Shea and Donahoe also notched two blocks each.

Pacers 34, Blazers 21

Scoring leaders were Becca Smith and Sarah Milne. Additional points were made by Meghan Ostertag, Bianca Bongiorno, Jess Smith and Alexis Hillis. Belle DeRoche's injury has left huge shoes to fill, but Allyson Haley, Stephanie Mercurio, Elizabeth Lam and Erin Covel were up to the challenge and they played great defense.

Suns vs. Spurs

The Suns opened up the season with a tough loss. Leading the way on the offensive end was Sophie Eskenas, Kristina Johnson and Leanne Durham each with four points. Grace Morris and Christine Santos chipped in with three points apiece. Emily Chmela, Angelina Carew, Sansan Nguyen and Emily Puccia all played great two-way basketball.

Football Recruiting Night, Dec 8

The Twenty-Eighth annual Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire College Football Recruiting Night will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 7:00-9 pm at The Tewksbury Country Club, 1880 Main Street, Tewksbury, Ma (Phone: 978-851-3599).

Several Area Colleges and Eastern Colleges will be in attendance. All Senior Football Players are encouraged to attend. There is no cost involved to players.

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Wilmington's annual Alumni Games a hit once again

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WILMINGTON- After the snow kept everyone trapped inside last year, the annual Alumni Day games resumed this year, filling Friday with friendly competition between everyone from recent graduates to longtime alumni of the Wilmington High School.

Older and younger alike, the alumni converged at Alumni Stadium to enjoy everything from a cross country race to kick-off the day, to field hockey, volleyball, men's and women's soccer games, and a flag football game to end the evening.

"Last year we had a lot of people who were very upset," event organizer Tom Barry, of the WAA&F (Wilmington Athletic Alumni and Friends). "We tried to have an Alumni Day but you can't control the weather. It seemed like people were really excited for it, and we've seen a great turnout for today."

Alumni Day has come to mean a great deal for many people in town, from those who have stayed on through the years to those who have drifted away from the area.

"This is just a continuation of my life in the town, with my father as the (high school's) first athletic director," said Jack Cushing. "One of the first things we found out about was sports and family. Through the years, I've tried to build my life in the same way with different programs that I've run."

The event allowed for some of the great players of Wilmington High School history to revisit the newly-revamped school and fields and tread the ground with more recent athletes.

Among the returners were people like John Lynch, a graduate of the class of 1992 who once held the record for goals at

Wilmington High School before going on to be one of the all-time great scorers for Bentley University, even being named MVP in the 1993 Northeast-10 Men's Soccer Championship.

"It's good to get back after many years," said Lynch, now a resident of Needham. "It's just good to see these young guys playing. This program has come a long way since back in my day."

Andrea Garripay and Suzy Macero both graduated in 1990, after playing on Sue Hendee's first ever Wildcat team. Hendee is still with the team and has established a program that has begun receiving national attention. Both women now marveled at how much the program had evolved, grown and improved since their time.

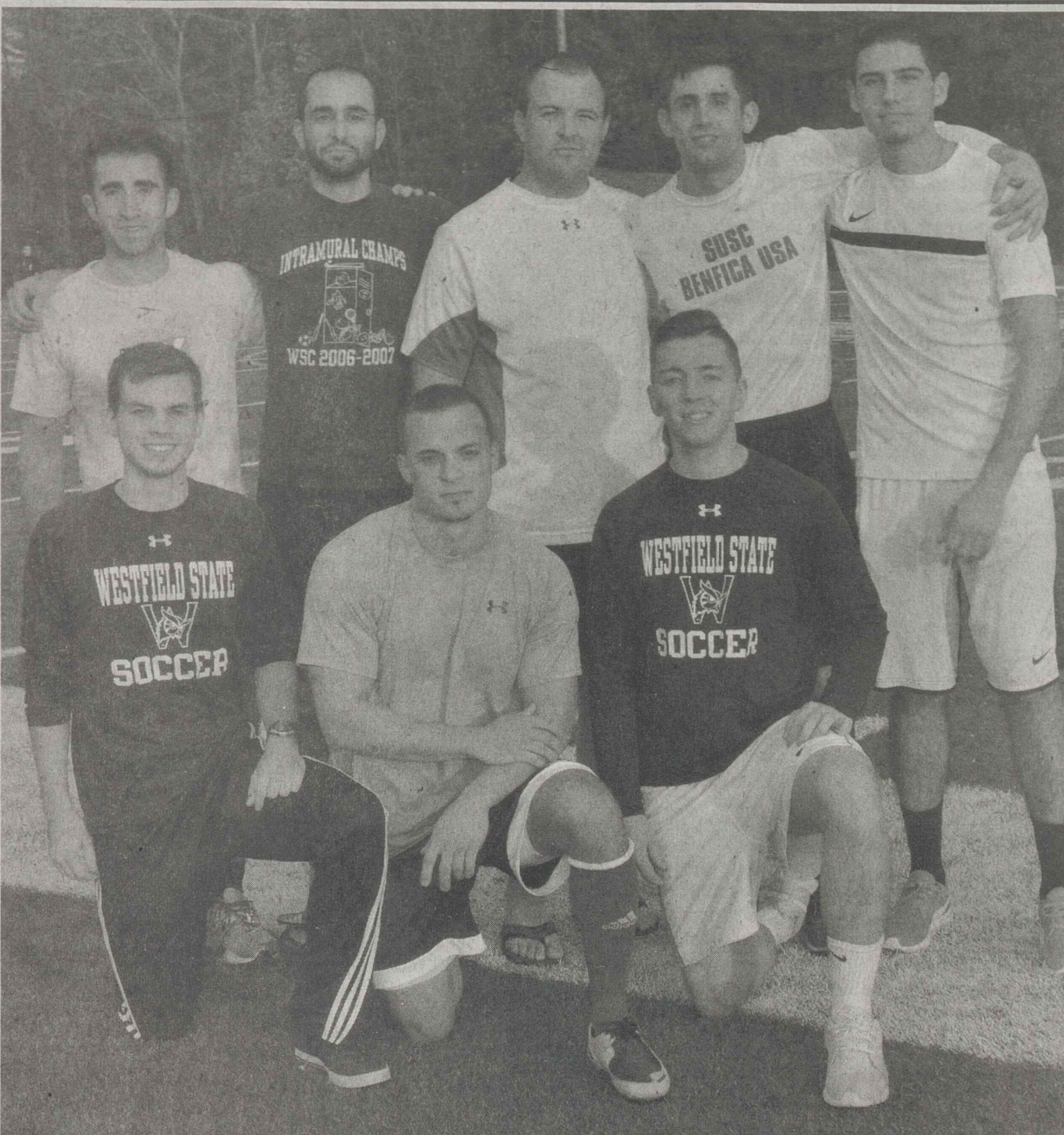
"It's been great to know how good they have become, and to know that we were probably the first team under Sue," Garripay said.

As impressed as many returning players were with the achievements of the younger players, many seemed to take it as a personal challenge to prove that they could still hold their own on the field after all these years.

"All these young bucks were out there running around with the old guys, and we were able to keep up with them," said George Driscoll, who admitted to not having touched a soccer ball since graduating in 1990.

Likewise, Matt McManus confessed to having not played a minute of soccer since his team's lost their final state tournament game in 1992.

"I'm a little winded and a little out of shape, but it's good to be back with old friends," McManus said. "I think with the new school and new fields, a lot of guys had a sense of camaraderie



The annual WHS Alumni Soccer game was held on Friday and gathering together for a friendly game were: front row from left: Connor Townsend, Mike Condell, and Jimmy Murphy; and back row from left: Anthony Azevedo, Bill Papageorgiou, Bryan Little, Vinny Papageorgiou, and Mitch Goulet. (photo by JoeBrown.photo)

of wanting to come back and see the new place."

"That's just high school sports," said Sue Hendee. "I think that's a really treasured part of a kid's experience at high school, so as far away as they go after they graduate, it's still fun to come back and play."

Even after last year's weather set the festivities back, there remained a strong show of support for both men's and women's soccer. The games featured

both regular participants in alumni games and many who were returning for the first time ever to the Wildcat field.

"I think it's just the fact that it's a laid back way to get with your friends and be a little more active after consuming more turkey than you should have," laughed Barry. "I do this stuff anyway with friends all the time, so it's great to bring back people that you haven't seen in a long

time."

"I just totally enjoy it," Cushing said. "The match we had just now was boys' soccer, and when you have the age span from the 90s all the way up to the 2015's, and these guys are all playing against one another and having a good time doing it. They really had a good time."

WAA&F hopes to continue to grow Alumni Day, even expanding into other seasons to host basketball

games, track meets, and other events.

"This has always been a top-notch community for athletics," Cushing said. "When you bring people together in an athletic environment, people tend to show up."

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Wilmington Youth Hockey Round-Up

After a difficult loss to Winthrop the week before, the Wilmington Youth Hockey Association Bantam 2 team returned to action against Woburn at the Malden Valley Forum on the day before Thanksgiving.

Max Shapiro and Harry Serounian anchored the defense in front of goalie Max Churchill, backed up by Shane Mercuri and Jake Fox.

The Wildcats were slightly undermanned with just seven forwards available. Mark Miraglia skated at center, with Brendan Kelley and Joseph Hartzell at the wings. Liam Prigmore centered Cameron Banks and Aiden Ryan. Colin Walsh rounded out the forward group.

Midway through the first period, Max Shapiro rushed through the neutral zone and went to the attack from the blue line. The puck skidded past Woburn's sprawling goalie for the 1-0 lead. Woburn struck back quickly to tie the game at 1-1.

A few minutes later, after a sustained offensive zone cycle, the puck found Shapiro at the point and his low shot was tipped in front by Aiden Ryan, up and over the goalie and in for the 2-1 lead.

In the second period, the teams each had power play

chances go for naught before Woburn scored at even strength to get back to a tie game at 2-2.

Wilmington countered late in the period with a good breakout through the neutral zone. Colin Walsh at center ice in front of the benches sent a pass across to Cameron Banks, who broke in and finished with what became the game winning goal. A scoreless and fast paced third period went in the books and the Wildcats came out 3-2 winners.

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Above, several players from the Wilmington Wildcats Squirt 1 Hockey team were finalists in the Second Annual Turkey Day Classic Hockey tournament held in Woburn this past weekend. The team includes: first row center Ella Cedrone; second row from left: James Caples, Daniel Lagunilla, Jake McLean, Bruce Audette, Nick Ackerman, Jake Ciulla, Charlie Chirichiello; Third row: Bob Dodge, Head Coach Rich Hayden Jr., Coach Jamie Caples, Bobby Dodge, Jacob Smith, Matt DiZoglio, Ryan Hayden, Jake Perry and Coach Scott Audette; Below, Evan Zonderman gets ready for the Bantam 2's in a game this past week. (courtesy photos).



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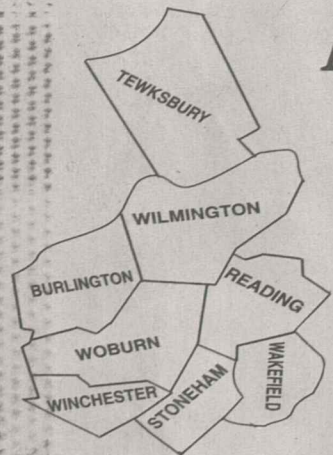
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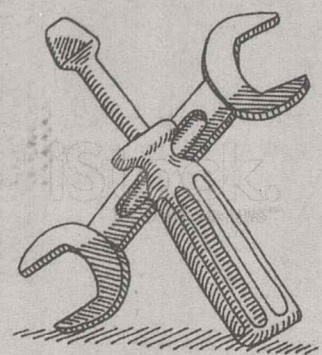
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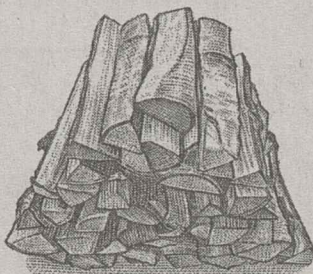
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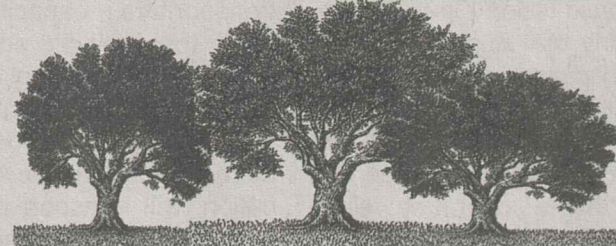
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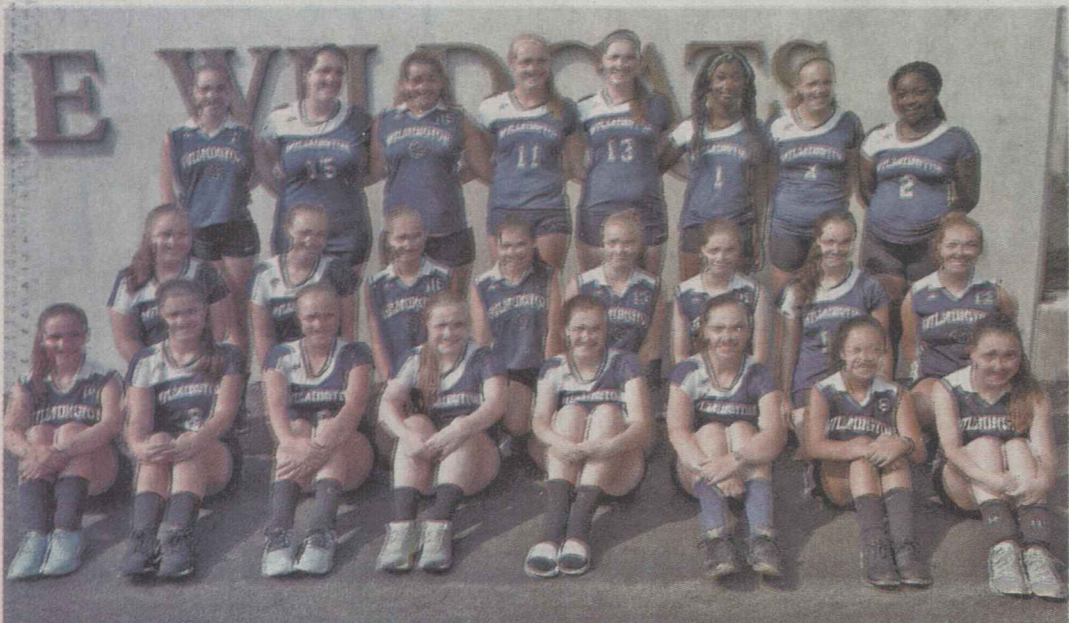
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*The coach was not available for a team write-up.

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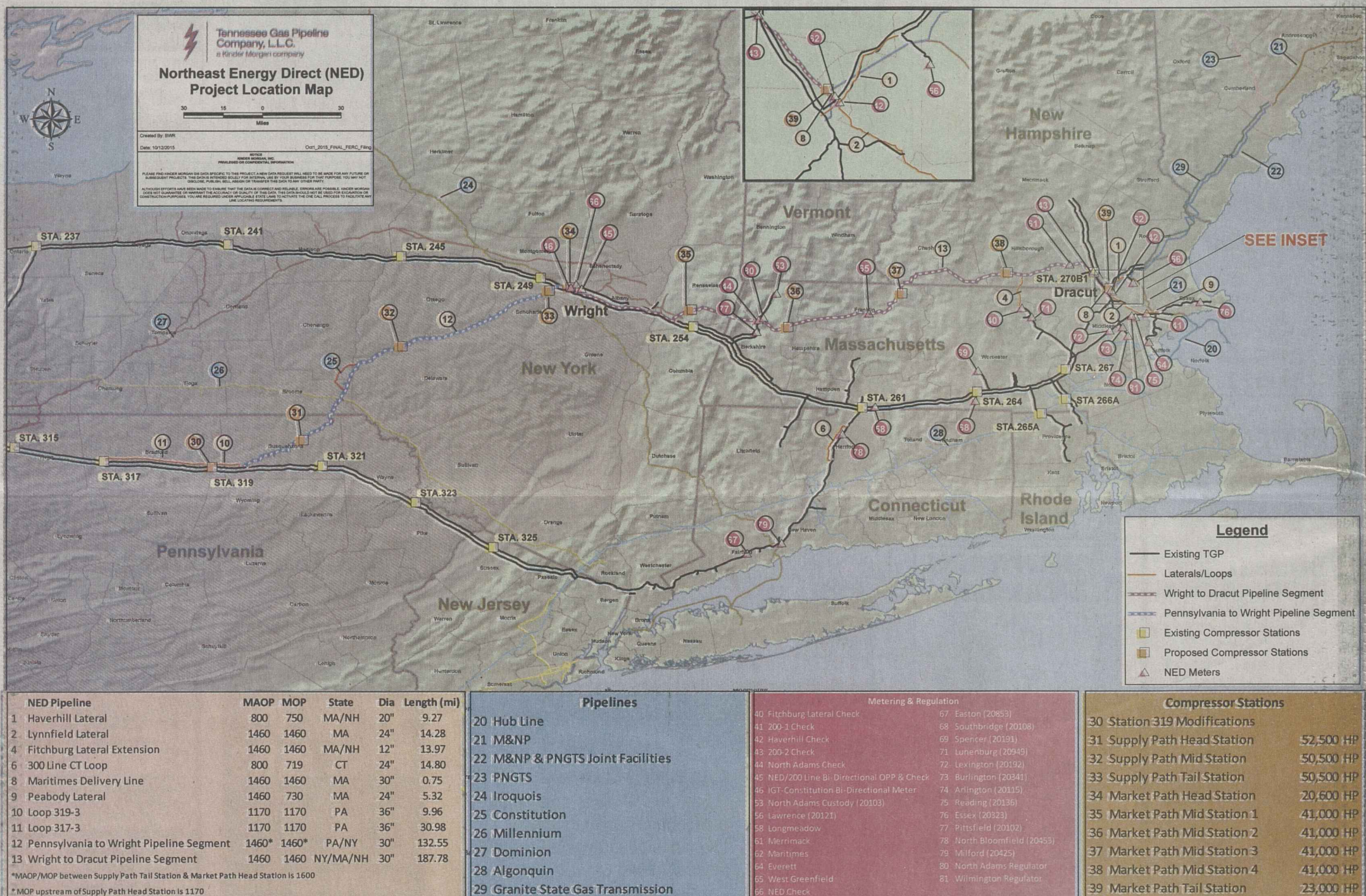
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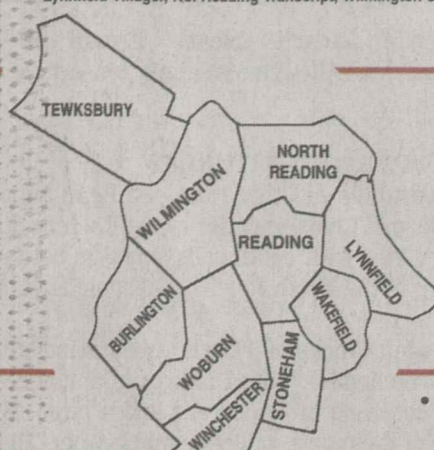


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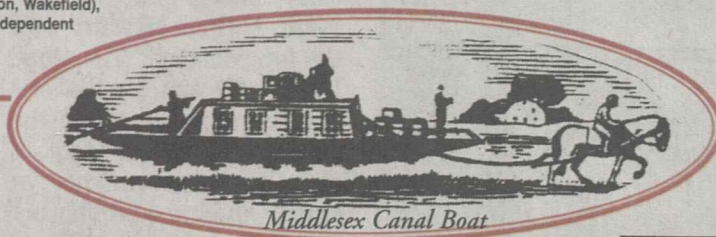
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Burlington's Whitney Sharpe is Miss Massachusetts USA

BY RYAN LAROCHE

If you live and/or work in Middlesex County, specifically in and around Burlington, you may have actually bumped into Miss Massachusetts USA and not even realized it. You may have served her coffee at Dunkin' Donuts or waited on her at the Cafe Escadrille; you might have even waved to her simply because she had a friendly face.

Well, that friendly face, which belongs to 21-year old Burlington High School grad Whitney Sharpe, will represent Massachusetts at the Miss USA pageant next year. The winner will succeed current Miss USA Olivia Jordan.

If you're wondering why Sharpe has USA after the title Miss Massachusetts, it's not to differentiate her from Miss Massachusetts Canada or Miss Massachusetts Mexico, as those titles don't actually exist. Instead, the USA refers to that particular pageant where the winner moves on to the Miss USA competition, then on to Miss Universe. Miss Massachusetts (non-USA) competes for the title of Miss America.

Simply put: Miss USA was once owned by Donald Trump and aired on NBC, but after some racially-insensitive remarks he made about Mexicans, NBC chosen not to air the pageant. Later, WME/IMG purchased the pageant from Trump. It will now air on FOX.

The pageant actually began in 1950 when then Miss America Yolande Betheze refused to pose for publicity pictures while wearing a bikini. Pageant sponsor Catalina decided to pull its sponsorship of the pageant and create its own competition.

Looking Sharpe

Sharpe is no stranger to competition, not only coming in second place in last years Miss Massachusetts USA competition, but also competing as a cheerleader at Burlington High. In fact, competition runs in the Sharpe family, as her brother plays baseball for UMass Lowell. She said her brother accomplishing his dream just a few months ago inspired her to work to become Miss Massachusetts USA.

The second time was the charm for Sharpe, as she improved on her runner up finish last year. In fact, the woman who beat her out, Polikseni Manxhari, actually returned to hand her crown over to Sharpe. What goes around, comes around, as they say.

Since it's early in her reign (she just won the competition 11 days ago), Sharpe's still on Cloud 9.

"I can't say that it has set in yet. I am so overjoyed with the amount of support not only my family and friends have shown me, but my community as well. This feeling is only something I could have dreamed about," she mentioned less than a week after winning.

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"Good Dinosaur"



IN "GOOD DINOSAUR" ARLO (RAYMOND OCHOA), A TIMID APATOSAURUS runt born to a family of farming dinosaurs, attempts to trek home with a young cavewoman companion Spot (Jack Bright). Their encounters in the wild are bizarre.

"GOOD DINOSAUR"
BY: JAKE COYLE, AP
FILM WRITER

"The Good Dinosaur" is Pixar's most trippy and tripped-up film: a wayward tale, uncertain of its steps, about a Gumby-green young dinosaur lost in prehistoric forests that are rendered in lushly sensory detail and populated by bug-eyed animations.

Any animated movie worth its salt usually has something hallucinogenic about it. More often than not, Pixar has honored that tradition, whether in the day-glow head trips of "Inside Out" or the oo-ing aliens of "Toy Story 2" who, trapped all their lives in a vending machine, worship "The Claw."

But in "The Good Dinosaur," director Peter Sohn and Pixar have, for the first time, wandered out into the wilderness. As if exhilarated by the open air, Sohn and his animators create such dazzling imagery of flowing water and mountainous landscapes that "The Good Dinosaur" might be most attractive to mushroom-eating hikers.

Sweet far down a river,

Arlo (Raymond Ochoa), a timid Apatosaurus runt born to a family of farming dinosaurs, attempts to trek home with a young cavewoman companion Spot (Jack Bright). Their encounters in the wild are bizarre, like a kind of prehistoric "Alice in Wonderland."

There's a googly-eyed Styracosaurus with small animals living on his horns and a pack of Pterodactyl storm-chasers addicted to the "higher elevation" of a hurricane. There's even a psychedelic sequence when Arlo and Spot accidentally eat some bad fruit: Fear and Loathing in the Mesozoic.

In the movie's opening moments, the asteroid meant to spell doom for the dinosaurs whizzes past the Earth.

It's a concept that could have meant all kinds of interesting possibilities, but "The Good Dinosaur" makes surprisingly little use of most of them. Here, the dinosaurs have developed into a partly agrarian society (Arlo's family harvests corn) and the first homo sapiens are pesky critters. As his name suggests, Spot is more like a dog than a

human; he resembles a two-foot tall, tongue-wagging Zac Efron.

But he is also more adept in the woods than the fearful Arlo, and the film's most tender moments are in the wordless bonding between the pair of orphans as they navigate their way through terrain that appears modeled on the Rockies, some-

where near the geysers of Yellowstone.

If the story is uneven, the scenery is consistently pristine. Surely the reason Pixar pushed forward with the long-delayed "The Good Dinosaur" was so that its outdoor animations for the film would see the light of day. Water — whether in pebbly shallows, luminously reflected on stone walls or welling up in the eyes of a homesick dinosaur — has never been more beautifully captured.

And though a host of films from "127 Hours" to "Wild" have in recent years exalted life on the trail, no film will better spur nature-lovers to head for the hills.

But the best part of "The Good Dinosaur" may well be the short that precedes it: "Sanjay's Super Team," by Sanjay Patel. In it, a boy and father sit on opposite sides of a room, each crouched in solemn devotion to boxes before them: a TV blaring a superhero cartoon for the boy, a cabinet for Hindu meditation for the father. In a few tender minutes, the short bridges two worlds more sweetly than the dinosaur-human pairing to follow.

Running time: 92 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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HAM AND BEAN SUPPER THIS SATURDAY

The public is invited to the monthly Ham and Bean Supper sponsored by Mount Carmel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, on Saturday December 5th with continuous servings between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the North Reading Masonic Hall, 283 Park Street.

In addition to the regular menu of 5 kinds of beans including chili beans, piping hot homemade baked macaroni and cheese, homemade cole slaw, corn and brown breads and a large variety of pies, the special of the month will be clam chowder. There is a choice of beverage which consists of coffee, tea, diet or regular soda, water.

All this or a small donation of \$8.00 for ages 9 and up or \$6.00 for ages 8 and under. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT DEC. 5 - 6

The Reading Community Singers will be holding its annual Holiday Concert on December 5 at 7:30 p.m. and December 6 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Old South Church in Reading. The theme of this year's concert is "Holiday Favorites." In addition to a selection of the group's favorite music, the concert will also include a holiday sing-a-long and a visit from Santa.

Tickets can be purchased at www.readingcommunitysingers.org and at the door as well. These tickets sell quickly and pre-purchasing them is recommended.

BAKE SALE AT STONEHAM LIBRARY DECEMBER 12

Just in time for the holidays, the Friends of the Stoneham Public Library will be selling homemade baked goods in the library, 431 Main Street, on Friday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and pick up something for the family or as a gift when invited to a holiday party.

"YULETIDE CAROLS" FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

The North Reading Community Chorale is excited to announce its concert "Yuletide Carols" is being held on Friday December 11 and Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park Street (Route 62) in North Reading.

Advance tickets are \$15, at the door \$20. For more information visit northreadingchorale.log. or call 978-664-1800.

PARKER TAVERN OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY

The Reading Antiquarian Society - Friends of Parker Tavern, cordially invite all to the Parker Tavern, 103 Washington Street in Reading on Sunday, December 6 from 2 - 4 p.m. for its annual Holiday Open House.

The Reading Garden Club will decorate the house with beautiful traditional floral displays. The Kimmer family of Reading will perform holiday music. Refreshments will be served.

PIE SOCIAL AND FAIR DEC. 4 - 5 IN TEWKSBURY

Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East Street in Tewksbury, invites all to its Annual Pie Social on Friday, December 4 from 6 - 9 p.m. Join in and have a hot cup of coffee or cocoa with a generous slice of homemade pie (\$4/person). There will be free picture taking with Santa from 6 - 8 p.m. Enjoy a partial preview of the Christmas Fair also.

On Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. make the Tewksbury Congregational Church your first stop for Christmas decorating and shopping. Fresh wreaths are custom decorated while you shop and enjoy a light breakfast or lunch.

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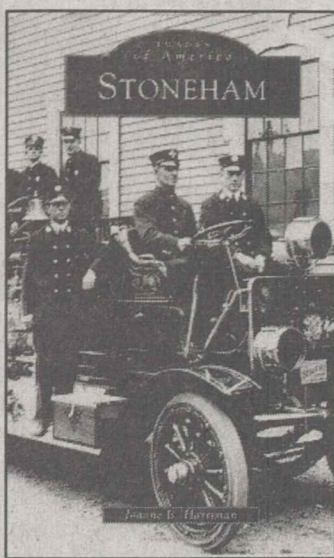
It's the time of the year when many nonprofit groups are lobbying for a year-end donation. It is challenging to make a decision as there are so many worthy causes. However, here's our thought process which confirms the suggestion to "shop local" for the holidays.

Persons deciding to make a charitable donation of \$25 or more to the Stoneham Historical Society will receive a copy of "Images of America - Stoneham" - an unprecedented pictorial history.

In the 128 pages, readers will discover the history of Stoneham from its inception in 1725 to the 1990's thoughtfully and meticulously presented by "town historian", Joanné Harriman, just prior to her passing.

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The Museum and Meeting Hall are located at 36 William Street in the former Spanish American War Veterans Building. More information about the organization, membership, upcoming programs, the collection or other can be found at www.stonehamhistory.webs.com.

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

ON TARGET (BURLINGTON)

"Another unique tenant has eyes for 3rd Ave. in the Northwest Park as plans for Archer Hotel to locate at the corner of Middlesex Turnpike and 3rd Ave. - across from The Bancroft - were recently presented to the Planning Board," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The applicant - Burlington LW Hotel Associates, LP (the legal entity created by LodgeWorks Partners, LP) - filed five special permits to develop a 147-room, full-service, 'boutique' style hotel (Archer Hotel) with integrated structured parking, a full-service restaurant with meeting space (indoor and outdoor seating) and an ancillary health facility with a swimming pool.

"Pursuant to the requirements of the Planned Development District (PDD) bylaw that was approved as a rezoning warrant article by Town Meeting in January of 2007, the Nordblom Company (property owner) has brought forth this concept which is permitted under the PDD.

"The 147 rooms are comprised of different tiers, such as 'Archer's Den,' 'King Studio,' and 'Double Queen.'...

'Nordblom's Senior Vice President and Director of Mixed-Use Projects Todd Fremont-Smith expressed excitement with a concept he feels is the best hotel one can find in the suburbs.

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

AIMING HIGH AND SHOPPING LOCAL

"We are excited because it is a high-end product. There is only one open (in New York City) and there are some under construction," said Fremont-Smith. "...I think it will be the finest hotel in the market. Everything on 3rd Ave. is handpicked as we try to stay away from chain restaurants and be unique and authentic in our retail experience.'..."

After some discussion, "Taking all of this into consideration, the applicant decided it was best to go back to the drawing board and try to implement the suggestions of the planners into their respective design plan for Archer Hotel. Expect a subcommittee to be created for this proposal.

"The board voted unanimously to continue this matter to its next meeting on Dec. 3.

"The applicant hopes to obtain a permit in the winter and start building in the spring."

DOING 'GOOD' (TEWKSBURY)

"Pam Dooley, junior youth group leader for the Tewksbury Congregational Church, is working with middle school students on an urgent collection project," notes the Tewksbury "Town Crier."

"A group of students in grades 6 through 8 are collecting empty prescription bottles for the country of Malawi, located in Africa between Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania.

"An impoverished nation the size of Pennsylvania, Malawi suffers from inadequate healthcare funding for supplies, equipment and personnel. As a result,

patients seeking treatment are often turned away. More than 50 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

"They desperately need prescription bottles to transport and safeguard their medications," said Dooley. "They do not have transportation so they walk to see a professional. When they are given meds, it's in a folded piece of paper. Sometimes the meds don't make the trip home, or they are destroyed because of the packaging."

"...The prescription bottles, according to www.malawiproject.org, will be sent to hospitals in Malawi, Africa. Over 700 medical facilities receive supplies from The Malawi Project.

"The collection bin - a trash can decorated to look like a pill bottle - has been placed on the side entrance of the church, outside, so contributions can be made at any time.

"We ask that the labels are removed from the bottles," said Dooley. "We will boil them so the residue and glue is off the outside and they are ready to be shipped."

"The students will be packaging and boxing the bottles.

"The collection for empty prescription bottles runs through December. Tewksbury Congregational Church is located at 10 East Street, Tewksbury, MA."

FARM TIMES (WAKEFIELD PLUS)

"The Melrose-Wakefield Winter Farmers Market, conveniently located on the 136/137 bus line - and with lots of parking - is back for its 2nd season...continuing

monthly on the 3rd Sunday of the month from December through April, including December 20, January 17, February 21, March 20, and April 17 at Memorial Hall at 590 Main Street, Melrose from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Please note the new timeframe of 11:00 - 3:00 that was chosen after analyzing data collect by via an online survey from both our customers and our vendors."

"Most of the farmers and vendors who took part last winter will be returning, to be joined by some new faces ... Throughout the season, depending on which day, you can expect some fun kids activities, live music, educational displays, great cooking demonstrations, and ...

"For more information, see www.melrosefarmersmarket.org or www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.org, and for the latest updates, sign up for one of their email newsletters. You can also find the Melrose-Wakefield Winter Farmers Market on Twitter and Facebook. See you at the market!"

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper or look on line for up-to-date information about your city or town.

We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, 531 Main St., Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net.

Mishawum Choral Holiday Concert this Sunday

The Mishawum Choral Society of Woburn will be holding its annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 34 Dix Street (at the corner of Dix and Church Streets) in Winchester.

The chorale will perform a variety of festive compositions guaranteed to delight people of all ages. Featured

within the program and adding even more cheer to the occasion will be the chorus's traditional sing-along, during which all audience members will be invited to participate.

Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$10 for both seniors and students, may be purchased through a chorus member or at the door.

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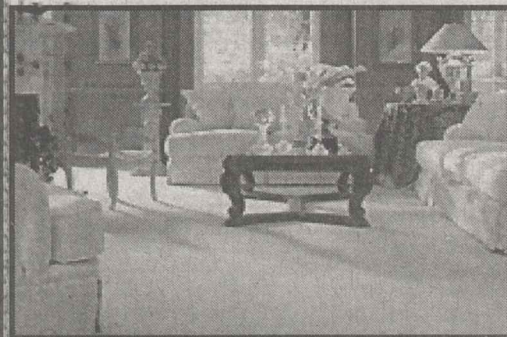
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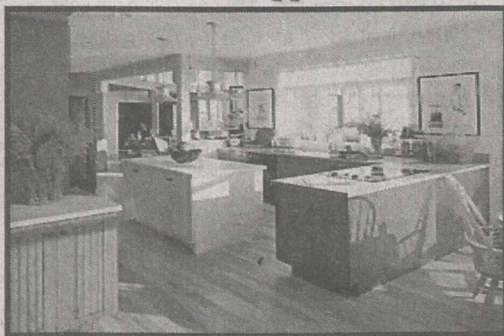


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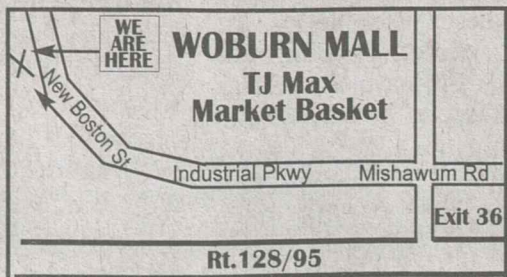
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Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** As the NFL season heads into December, Patriots QB Tom Brady is in the discussion along with Cam Newton of the Carolina Panthers as front-runners for MVP honors. Peyton Manning has recorded the most NFL MVPs with five. If Brady wins, what three other players will he tie with as three-time MVPs?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

Following a season that included 17 victories and its first regular-season conference title since 2012, the Babson College field hockey team had six members of its program honored when the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) released its postseason awards.

Highlighting the Beavers' accolades was senior Elizabeth Holmes (Southborough) being named NEWMAC Player of the Year. Additionally, first-year ASHLEY TANGO of Reading was selected as the league's rookie of the year, while head coach Julie Ryan collected coach of the year honors for the third time after leading the Green and White to its most wins in over a decade.

Senior goalkeeper Kayla Costa (Watertown) was named to the All-NEWMAC first team, while Tango, junior Kelsi McDougale (Hopedale) and first-year Lauren Drakeley (Woodbury, Conn.) all garnered second-team recognition.

After missing all but two games of the 2014 campaign due to injury, Holmes put together the best season of her career this fall as she amassed career highs in goals (15), assists (15) and points (45). She led the league in assists and was second in points, and currently ranks sixth nationally in assists per game (0.75). Holmes finishes her career with 27 goals and 24 assists for 78 points, and ranks seventh on the school's all-time list in assists, is tied for ninth in points and is 11th in goals.

A two-year starter, Costa was one of Division III's best goalkeepers this fall. She leads the nation in goals against average (0.50) and save percentage (.884), and set a new single-season program record with eight shutouts in 2015. She now owns the lowest single-season goals against average in school history, while her 17 wins are tied for the second most in single-season history. For her career, Costa ranks third in shutouts (11), third in winning percentage (.690) and fourth in goals against average (1.46) and wins (29).

McDougale earned her second consecutive All-NEWMAC second-team honor after finishing with three goals and five assists for 11 points. A key piece of the Beavers' penalty corners on both offense and defense, she notched one game-winning goal and assisted on a pair of game winners.

Tango burst onto the scene this fall by scoring in each of the first five matches, and is Babson's first NEWMAC Rookie of the Year 2010. She finished second on the team in scoring with 11 goals, including two game-winners, and seven assists for 29 points while starting 19 matches in the midfield.

A Reading High Class of 2015 graduate, Tango will also play softball at Babson.

Need help with this week's trivia question? One of the three players just had his number retired by an NFC team.

The Northeastern University men's ice hockey team played a pair of games last weekend in Belfast, Northern Ireland as part of the first-ever Friendship Four college hockey tournament. Northeastern, UMass Lowell, Brown and Colgate were the four college teams that made the trip.

This is a world first for the NCAA as it is the first time the league has taken to the ice to play competitive games outside of the USA.

This past weekend's Friendship Four has been nearly five years in the making, spearheaded by Robert Fitzpatrick, CEO of the Odyssey Trust. The event was officially announced on April 10 in front of the Bobby Orr statue at TD Garden in Boston during the NCAA Frozen Four weekend.

"During my time in Ireland, I saw firsthand how sports, and hockey in particular, play an incredible role in bridging communities," said Boston Mayor Marty Walsh at the announcement. "I am thrilled to announce the first tournament for the Belpot Trophy this fall. I would like to thank former mayor of Belfast Máirtín Ó Muilleoir for his original partnership in this ambitious exchange and his continued hospitality towards Boston and Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Arder Carson, and the Belfast City Council for their commitment to making this tournament become a reality."

When Northeastern arrived in Belfast last Wednesday, it traveled to a pair of local schools in the area, starting at the Leadhill PS. While there the Huskies interacted with elementary school students, answering questions and signing autographs for the 150 students in attendance.

The Northeastern players then headed down the road

to Malbone Integrated College, where they discussed their experiences and responsibilities as Division 1 student-athletes to the middle school students.

The Huskies' trip to Belfast is also a trip down memory lane for associate head coach Jerry Keefe. Keefe, now in his fifth season at Northeastern, played for the original Belfast Giants during the 2000-01 season, tallying three goals and 11 assists in 39 games as a Giant.

"When Odyssey first opened up, there was a lot of hype around it," Keefe said. "We didn't know what to expect, and when we finally got here to play in this building, it was pretty special. So this is a great opportunity for our guys to come over to a new country and play hockey."

Reading's SAM KURKER is a junior forward with the Huskies.

On the women's hockey front, Woburn's BRYANA HARRON is off to a fine start to her senior year at Franklin Pierce. The forward has gone 7-6-13 in her first 8 games. Tewksbury's SHANNON O'NEIL, a junior, is the starting goaltender with Franklin Pierce and has a 4-2-0 record with a 1.78 gaa.

Elsewhere, Woburn's CASSANDRA CONNOLLY is a junior defenseman at the University of New England; ASHLEY MORAN is a sophomore forward at Saint Anselm while Woburn's EMILY LISSNER is a sophomore forward at Holy Cross.

Also, two local players are members of the Sacred Heart team. Burlington's NICOLE MAGEE, a senior goaltender, and Woburn's HANNAH SULLIVAN, a freshman forward. Woburn's COURTNEY DAVIS is a sophomore goaltender for Southern Maine while Woburn's ERICA LISSNER is a freshman forward at Utica.

Those Woburn players follow a solid path of former Tanners who have come through the girls program in the past 10-plus years to go on to college hockey. They include: Adia Sovie, (Salve Regina University) WMHS Class of 2003; Jessica Buttar, (Quinnipiac University) WMHS Class of 2004; Colleen Sanborn, (Northeastern University) WMHS Class of 2005; Colleen Martin (Providence College) WMHS Class of 2006; Elizabeth Murray, (Plymouth St. University) WMHS Class of 2006; Rachel Sousa, (UMASS Boston) WMHS Class of 2007; Lauren Duran, (UMASS Boston) WMHS Class of 2007; Katie Davis, (University of Southern Maine) WMHS Class of 2009; Rebecca Papa, (University of Southern Maine) WMHS Class of 2009; Colleen Callahan, (University of Southern Maine) WMHS Class of 2009 and Kayla Smith, (UMASS Boston) WMHS Class of 2013.

• Answer to this week's trivia question: If Tom Brady wins a third NFL MVP, he would tie Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas and Brett Favre who just had his number retired on Thanksgiving by the Green Bay Packers.

• DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com or mail it to: Steve Algeri, Middlesex East Sports, 531 Main Street, Reading, MA 01867. Or leave a message for Steve at 781-933-3700 ext. 347.

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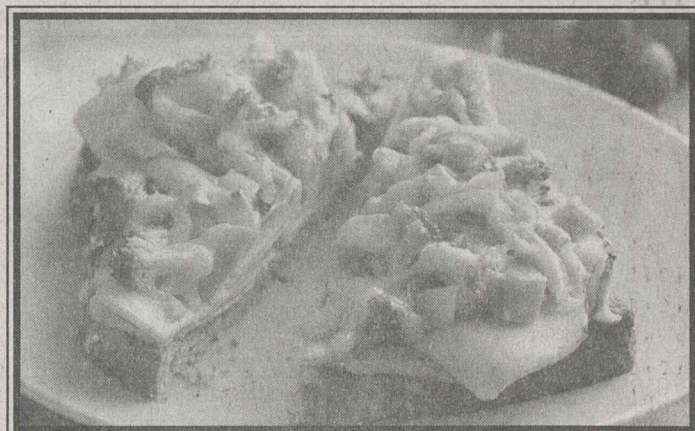
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2) Place toasted bread slices on ungreased cookie sheet. Layer turkey evenly on bread. Spoon vegetable mixture over turkey. Sprinkle each with 2 tablespoons cheese.

3) Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Expert Tips

* S m o k e d Cheddar can be used instead of smoked Gouda, or if you prefer a cheese without the smoke flavor, substitute regular Gouda, Cheddar or Swiss.

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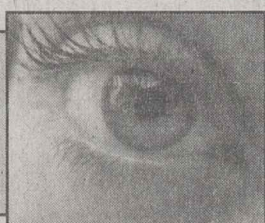
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Sharpe From S-1

It's a long road from BHS Class of '13 to Miss Massachusetts USA, one that started for Sharpe thanks to a friend and former Miss Maine USA who told her how being a state titleholder allowed her to bring awareness to organizations that she was passionate about, plus gain friendships and serve as a goodwill ambassador for her state.

"I was instantly hooked," Sharpe noted about the possibility of following in her friends' footsteps. "It has always been important to me to volunteer in my community. I have worked for dozens of causes, but my favorites are The American Cancer Society, Becca's Closet, and the Best Buddies Organization."

Sharpe grew up obsessed with Miss USA because, as she put it, "I love fashion and all of the gowns." While most little girls probably feel the same way, Sharpe took her obsession to another level by refusing to wear anything but dresses until she was seven-years old.

Clearly, that love paid off in spades. However, just getting to the stage took some convincing for her mother.

"My mom took some warming up, but as soon as she understood how life changing this system is she was all in," Sharpe said.

So in, in fact, that by the time the host announced the placements her mom and all of her friends and family were gripping each other's hands in nervous anticipation.

"When they said I won, everyone was crying! I could see them falling over each other from the stage!"

When asked who cried more, mom or dad, Sharpe said, "They were both a complete mess! They know more than anyone how hard I have worked for this. It took three years of dedication that they saw every single day."

Even though Sharpe won, it was anything but a foregone conclusion. Sure, finishing runner-up last year helped, but Sharpe couldn't just assume that they'd hand her the crown this year because of how well she did last year. Therefore, she chose to look at the pageant as a way to see how much she had grown from last year's version.

Sharpe was confident - "Confidently Beautiful" is what every USA state titleholder strives to be, so I do think to win a state title you need to be confident," she said - but more so in her training than in her chances of winning. She told herself that if she "didn't walk away with the crown, I was confident in the fact that I would walk away with lifelong friendships, and a positive experience that I would never forget."

Now that she's won, Sharpe's world will be turned upside down. Expect to see her, and her



new running buddy, Miss Teen Massachusetts USA, 17-year old Alexis Frasca, at all sorts of events around the state. Of course, both ladies still need time to focus on next year's Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants.

About her new friend, Sharpe said, "She is truly one of the most beautiful girls on the inside as well as outside that I have ever met. We are so lucky that we get to go to many of our appearances together. I can't wait to watch her compete at Miss Teen USA!"

One of the positives of becoming Miss Massachusetts USA (or Miss (fill-in-state) USA) is that the duties for the lucky girl go beyond simply looking pretty with a crown on your head (though Sharpe can check that box off quite easily). Miss Massachusetts USA must also serve as a leader and role model. Sharpe will spend most of her time "continuing my philanthropic efforts that I started before entering this pageant."

Her philanthropic nature is also Sharpe's talent. She said she'll use that to "make a difference in my community." Therefore, expect to see a lot of her over the next 365 days.

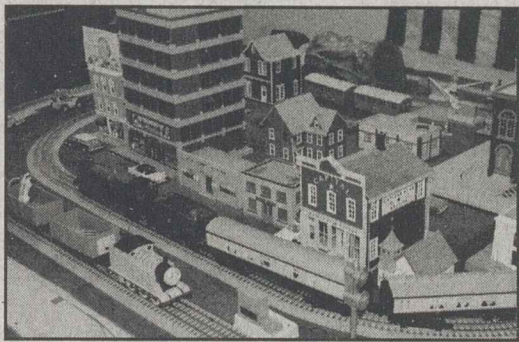
Before she became Miss Massachusetts USA, Sharpe attended Lynn University in Florida where she doubled majored in Broadcast Journalism and Fashion Merchandising. Now, she said she'll be taking those classes online so that she can attend as many public events as possible. Going forward, Sharpe hopes to one day become an on-air anchor for a major television network.

Saturday, December 12th in Wilmington Boston Metro Hi-Railers model railroad club annual Christmas Open House

The Boston Metro Hi-Railers train club, located at 5 Waltham Street will be having an Open House at its large display that has been in process of development over the past 4 years. It has some exciting additions, including a coal mine layout, a new town display with houses and stores. Some new train sets will be on display, including the Lionel motor city express trains, a Union Pacific super freight set, an updated Chesapeake and Ohio passenger set and numerous existing freight and passenger sets.

Most new automobiles are carried to local centers by motor city trains these days. They are moved by truck to places like the Fort Devens car depot, where local dealers pick them up by the ton for sale at their dealerships.

The Union Pacific train is part of the largest train system in America. Its operations cover the western part of the United States. It is the largest railroad in the country with 9,000 locomotives, a colossal 32,000 route miles and operates in 23 states. The model being used on the main display will have many freight cars and is one of the largest trains on display.

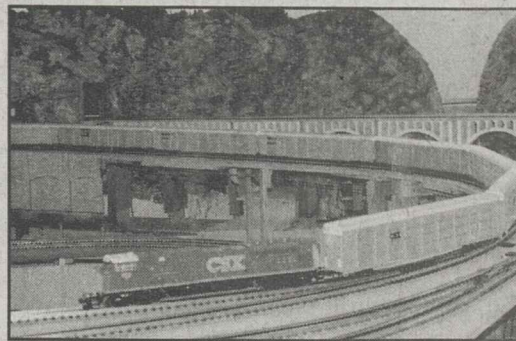


There has been much hard work upgrading the children's layouts, always a popular item at the open houses. Children are allowed to operate the trains themselves with adult supervision. There has been added switch track and new operating accessories. There are log ladders, barrel loaders, a saw mill, lamp lighter among others.

New technology has been added. Lionel has introduced the new line of technology-advanced trains. The Lionel chief and Lionel chief plus allow attendees to operate trains by remote control. Albert Hall Lion Chief train set has been purchased. It operates on the Great Western

Railroad. This train is European in designs.

This is a line chief model and children will be able to operate this by remote control. This technology allows for easier usage, while greatly lowering in price the train's cost in comparison to the traditional train sets run on the big layout. This is the direction that Lionel, the largest train producer, is moving to bring more families into affordable model train fun.



Entrance fees remain the same. \$10 for families \$5. For singles, and children under the age of 10 free. The event hours are from 10:00 am to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available but are not included in the entrance fee

Special programs that teach kids how to design and build their own layouts will have there first day of operation at this open house. It will teach them all aspect of train building. There is a complete program that will involve teaching skills that include, doing electrical setups and making attractive and exacting layouts that they might later develop at home. The hope is to encourage families to develop a keen interest in model railroading. The club believes that changes in cost will make it more attractive to both families and kids and in the long run will help model train clubs expand membership.

There is no cost for this program though the hope is that if it is successful it might lead to a family program at the club once a month or so.

The club will be changing its status in the first of the year to a 501 c 3 non profit tax statue, with the hope to raise money from business and others to expand the layout and provide more services to communities and families in this area.

Contact Bob Hilliard at 781-944-1794 with any questions.

Reading's Shop the Block in its 13th year on Thursday, December 3rd

Local businesses unite to encourage downtown shopping

Kicking off the holiday season, many Reading businesses will open their doors the evening of Thursday, Dec. 3rd, in an effort to encourage residents to spend their holiday shopping dollars close to home. The Shop the Block initiative began as an effort to encourage shoppers to forgo malls and online stores and keep their business in downtown Reading.

It is intended to promote awareness of Reading as a shopping destination offering stylish, affordable things, including artisan-designed accessories and wearable art, home decor items, gems and semi-precious-stone jewelry, wine and gourmet delicacies, glassware and pottery, and clothing, accessories and gifts for children & four-legged friends- many of them one-of-a-kind. The

effort serves to remind shoppers of the importance of a vibrant downtown shopping district.

Shoppers are encouraged to grab a bite to eat at one of Reading's numerous restaurants, and begin their stroll along Main & Haven Streets. Participating businesses, many of whom are offering exclusive Shop the Block specials, will be designated with a festive red bow on the door. Shoppers will also enjoy holiday entertainment provided by Creative Arts of Reading & various choral groups throughout the evening.

Shop the Block will take place Thursday, Dec. 3rd from 5 to 9 p.m. in downtown Reading. For updates, please check the STB Facebook page, Shop the Block Reading Mass.

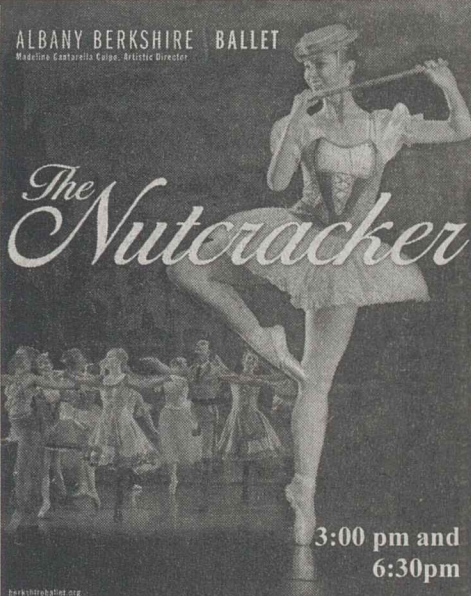
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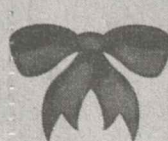
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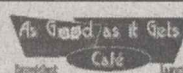
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14th Annual Reading Education Foundation's Festival of Trees

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With approximately 100 uniquely-decorated trees of all shapes, sizes and themes to choose from, festival visitors can try their luck at winning the raffles for their favorite trees, well as vote for the Favorite, Most Creative, Most Spectacular, Most Unusual and the Best Tree Topper! In addition, children will enjoy decorating their own cookie, face painting by Creative Arts, and taking part in our annual Scavenger Hunt to earn a free raffle ticket! There is a silent auction and entertainment throughout both days, including live performances by local school choruses and ukulele students, and featuring Karen K and the Jitterbugs on Saturday at 1pm. Pizza, popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase.

Saturday evening from 6 to 9pm, the Festival will host our popular "Night with the Trees," with dinner for purchase, and live family entertainment beginning at 6:30, with the Ben Rudnik and Friends Band. Lucky winners of tree raffles will be selected at closing on Sunday night.

New this year, the Reading Band Parents



Organization will be selling undecorated, live Christmas trees and wreaths, in support of RMHS Band and Color Guard, outside Parker Middle School during the Festival of Trees.

Hours: Saturday December 5th: Daytime from 12 to 9pm, with "Night with the Trees" beginning at 6pm; Sunday December 6th : 10am to 5pm.

Location: Parker Middle School, 45 Temple Street, Reading.

Tickets: \$5/person, \$10/family. Tickets are available at the door, and raffle tickets for trees can be purchased inside the event.

All proceeds go towards Teacher grants in Reading Public Schools. To learn more, donate a tree or silent auction item, and see a schedule of events, visit the REF website at www.readingEF.org.

REF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer-run, fundraising organization dedicated to supporting the whole child, and every child in Reading Massachusetts. Contact us at info@readingef.org to learn more.

Calendar From S-2

On Monday, December 7 the Woburn Historical Society will present a Holiday Show with the Harvard Krokodiloes at Woburn High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. On Sunday, December 13 the Society will host Holiday Songs and Christmas Carols with the Merry Minstrels at 4 p.m. at Spence Farm, 41 Wyman Street in Woburn. The Burdett Mansion at 7 Mishima Road is home of the Woburn Historical Society. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

PAINT-ALONG AND CARD MAKING THIS SATURDAY

The Lynnfield Art Guild (LAG) continues its busy season with Paint Along Workshops the first Saturday of each month at Columbus Hall in Post Office Square, South Lynnfield (behind the Dunkin' Donuts). This

Saturday's workshop from 10 AM - 2:30 PM for a fee of \$10 will be under the guidance of member artist Steve Greco (acrylic professional artist). Artists of all levels are invited to try painting in this workshop which includes supplies (or bring your own). Drop in can be for the entire time or for just a few hours. In addition, all ages are invited (including children accompanied by parents) to stop by to make Holiday cards using materials provided. The card making is a free event.

The LAG is busy preparing for its holiday show on Saturday December 12th from 9 - 3 at the Meeting House in Lynnfield which will include raffles for prizes valued over \$500. For further information about membership or other aspects of the Lynnfield Art Guild, please go to www.bit.ly/LynnfieldArtGuild or call 781-334-5131.

SOCIETY OF CRAFTSMEN MEET DECEMBER 7

The Reading Society of Craftsmen will meet at the Unitarian Church, 239 Woburn Street in Reading on Monday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a Holiday luncheon. The Nazareth Academy choral group of Wakefield will perform with a popular selection of Christmas carols.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR IN BURLINGTON DECEMBER 5

The Tower Hill Tenants Association, 15 Birchcrest Street in Burlington, is having a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a large gift basket and gift certificate raffle, Christmas crafts, jewelry, knitted and crochet items and a bake sale. Refreshments will be served.

NUTCRACKER BALLET IN WINCHESTER DEC. 5 - 6

Dancing toy soldiers, menacing mice, candy canes, Sugar Plum fairies, and a Nutcracker who comes to life! The Ballet Arts Centre Performing Theatre Company will once again create the magic of Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" in the Company's beloved production of the holiday classic on December 5th and 6th at Winchester's McCall Middle School. The company, which consists of nearly 100 students from Ballet Arts Centre's school and other surrounding areas, as well as professional dancers from all over New England, has been busily preparing for the past eight weeks and is enthusiastically putting the final touches on what has become a sophisticated and elaborate production.

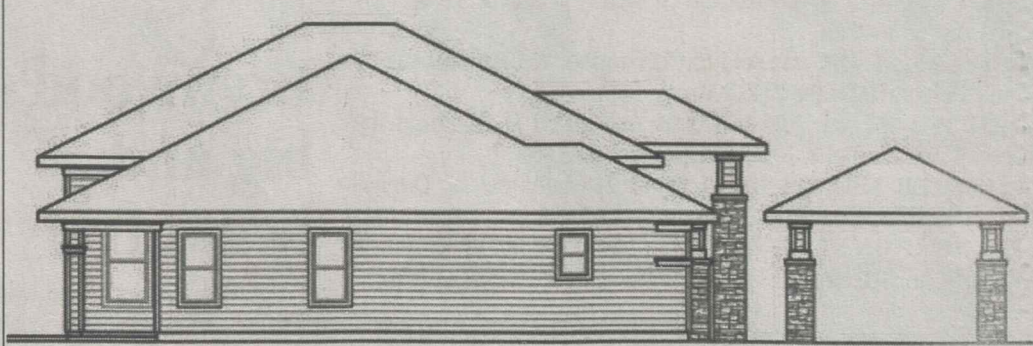
Tickets for BAC's "Nutcracker" are \$25.00 for Adults and \$20.00 for Children/Seniors. Call 781-729-8556 for information or go to www.bacw.com to purchase tickets.

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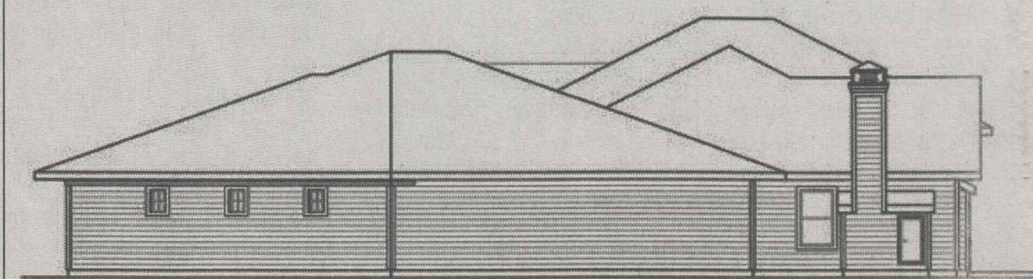
A Holly Fair will be held at the Trinity Church at the corner of Main and Davis Streets in Woburn of Friday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a supper on Friday at 5:30 p.m. with ham, mac and cheese, vegetables, salad and beverage; On Saturday there will be a lunch with meatball subs, hot dogs, soda and chips. Thrift shop also open. Raffles also.

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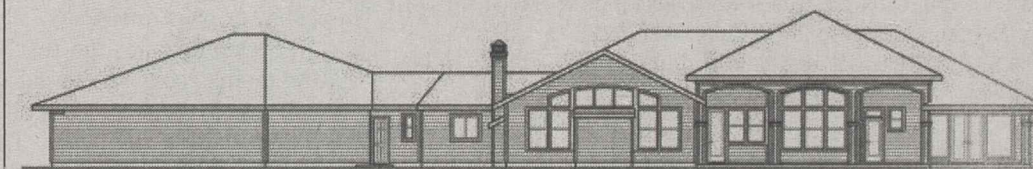
Left End View



Right End View



Rear View



Sampler From S-8

of the nook; a pantry and built-in desk nestle into the other.

This area is also richly supplied with storage and counter space. Utilities are nearby, along with a toilet and an even

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Home sales From S-8

ing that has cut unemployment to 5 percent, down from 5.7 percent a year ago. Average hourly earnings have improved 2.5 percent over the past year — that slight increase enhanced by low inflation. But wage growth has failed to match the rise in home values, forcing more would-be homebuyers to wait and save for a down payment.

Also aiding sales have been lower borrowing rates. Mortgage rates remain well below their historic average of 6 percent. The average, 30-

year fixed mortgage rate was 3.95 percent last week, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

But the market is still recovering more than six years after the end of the Great Recession. Home sales have been uneven in different geographic regions. The number of signed contracts advanced in the Northeast and West, while dipping in the Midwest and South.

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A **Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting** and site visit will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at the RMLD, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867.

This IFB is being issued under M.G.L., Chapter 30B.

The RMLD will receive sealed bids until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867. Bids will be opened and unless obviously non-responsive, read aloud publicly. Bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted.

Bid documents and bid forms may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, RMLD, 230 Ash Street, Reading, Massachusetts, 01867. For questions or further information, please contact Marianne Fabbri at 781-942-6430.

Bid security in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid amount must accompany the bid.

The RMLD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including and without limitation the right to reject any or all non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids, and to reject any bid of any bidder if the RMLD believes that it would not be in the best interest of the project to make the award to that bidder. RMLD also reserves the right to waive any informalities not involving price, time or changes to the work.

Contracts or Agreements will not be entered into until after the approval of the Reading Municipal Light Board. Agreements will not be valid or binding until duly executed via contract or purchase order signed by an authorized representative of the RMLD.

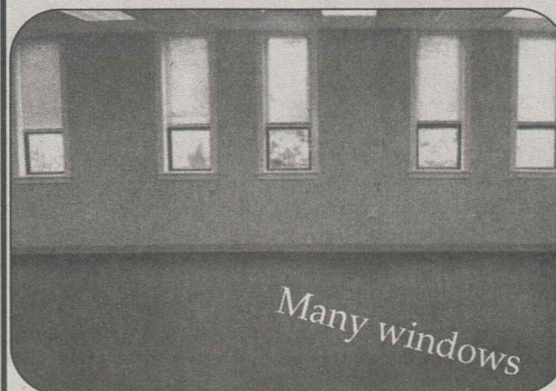
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235 Cambridge St #102 was sold to Judith Karas by 245 Cambridge Street LLC for \$490,000

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7 AUGUSTUS CT #1004 was sold to Diana Pasquariello by Pulte Homes Of New Eng for \$345,000
710 GAZEBO CIR #710 was sold to Wendy J Salvatore by Lois A Wilson for \$305,900
26 RIVERSIDE DR was sold to Christopher & Lisa Loiselle by Diana Pasquariello for \$545,000
84 RUSTIC LN was sold to Curtis A & April H Goodman by Michael J & Michelle J Melchionda for \$535,000
39 SUMMER AVE was sold to Steven H Chehames by Donald C Monson LT & Donald C Monson for \$329,900
5 WASHINGTON ST #C3 was sold to Gerald Aiello by Christine A Legoff for \$168,000

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14 MAGNOLIA TER was sold to Christopher P & Joanne M Glynn by Mildred M Wilson for \$445,000
116 VERNON ST was sold to Aneta & Alessandro A Demorais by Duncan FT & Russell B Duncan for \$353,000

WILMINGTON

13 COCHRANE RD was sold to Khurram Ahmad & Sana Khan by William G & Heather D Long for \$625,000
18 DENAULT DR was sold to TCM RT & Richard W Stuart by Joel T Fernald & Bank Of New York Mellon for \$14,425
290 SALEM ST was sold to SLA RT & Michael Tkachuk by James G Spinney for \$250,000

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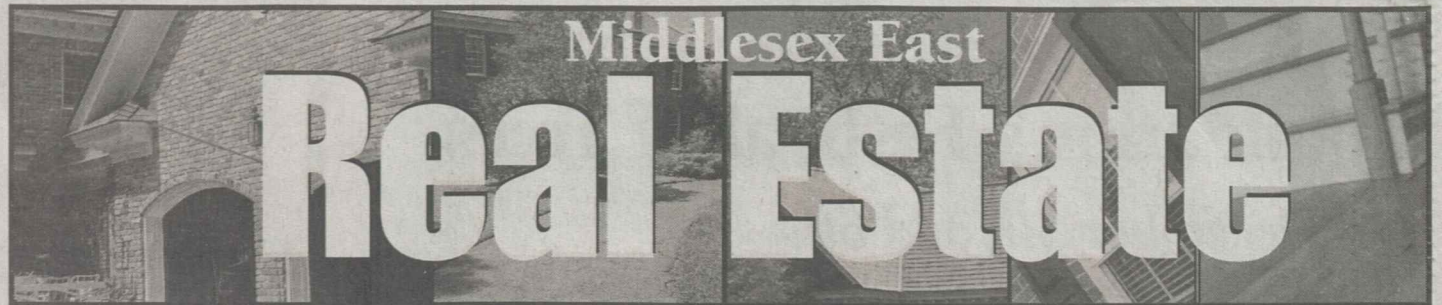
94 HIGHLAND AVE was sold to Jason C & Jennifer L Ryan by Thomas & Patricia Cronin for \$1,470,000
11 PINE GROVE PARK was sold to Jia Wei by Peggy Kim & David Allbritton for \$620,000

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31 ARLINGTON RD #15 was sold to Songjia Liu & Tristan Ma by Sivandiyan FT & Coomarasamy Sivandiyan for \$229,500
4 BRONISLAW ST was sold to Jill E Stone by Robert E Buonarosa Est & Jason Buonarosa for \$419,900
2 FORBES RD was sold to Woburn Hotel Prop Owners by Columbia Properties for \$32,119,000
83 LEXINGTON ST was sold to Nerlande & Smith Descombes by Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr for \$325,294
305 SALEM ST #107 was sold to James A & Nicole D Juliano by Simone B McGrath for \$260,000

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64 HIGHLAND AVE was sold to Mayobanex Diaz-Reynosa by Howard R & Karen S Brooks for \$575,000
3 LIBERTY LN was sold to Stephen M Carr & Sabrina Greco-Carr by Anthony S Deleo & Lisa M Deleo for \$890,000
37 ROCKWOOD RD was sold to William W Wollinger & Kelly A Flynn by RPL LLC for \$660,000



This week's Sampler: Brynwood

Brynwood's big and beautiful

Soaring arches blend with custom stone masonry in the Brynwood, creating a visually intriguing front facade. Decorative gable supports and Craftsman-style windows add to the allure.

Bright and spacious gathering spaces fill most of the ground floor in this estate-size, three-level plan. Bedrooms are upstairs, and a three-car garage, plus a wealth of extra storage space, are below, accessed via a down-sloping driveway on the left.

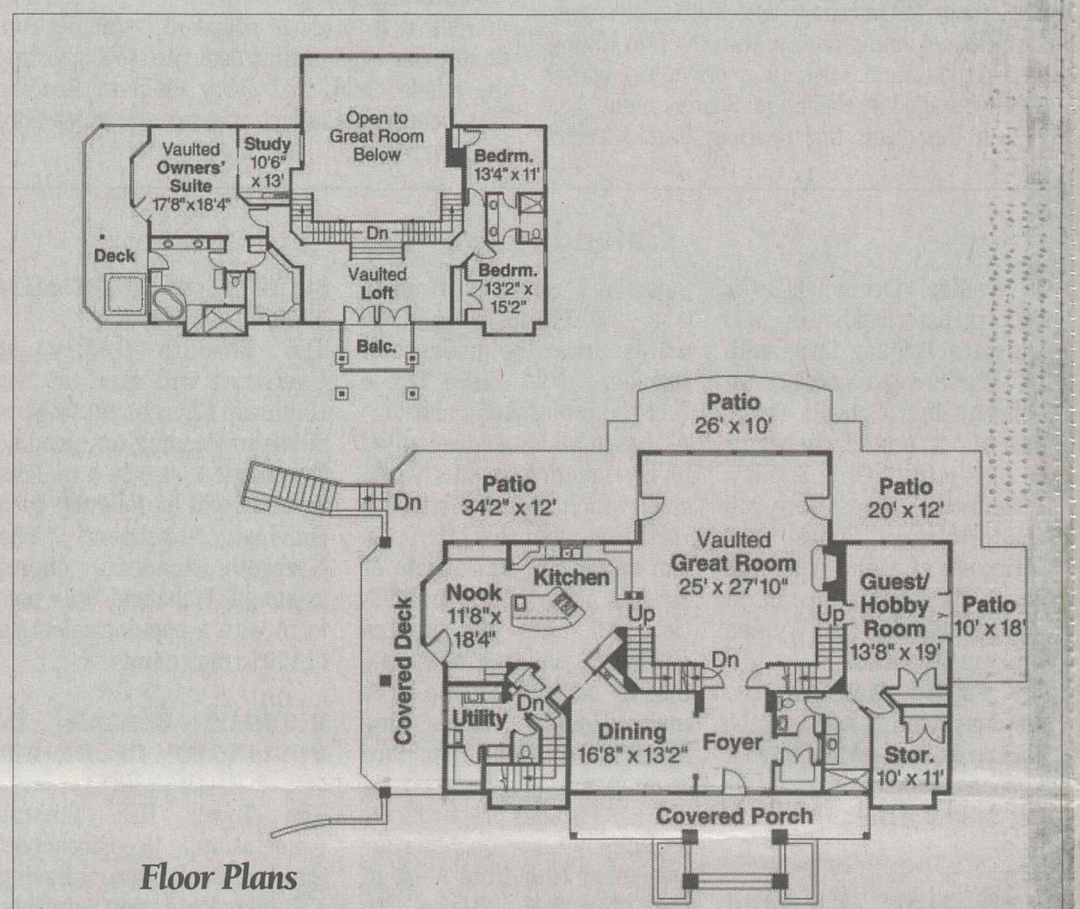
Natural light washes into the lofty foyer through side-lights and an elliptical arched transom. Straight ahead is a vaulted, richly glassed great room, similar to a Chalet house plan. On the foyer's left side, a wide opening leads into a large dining room. To the right, an alcove holds a large, walk-in coat closet and convenient powder room, which is linked to a larger bathroom, and a hobby or guest room.

Pocket doors at the rear of the dining room can reveal or conceal a passageway to the naturally sunny kitchen. The bayed nook is more window than wall, and additional glass in front of the sink offers views of the patio and rear yard. A cozy window seat fills one side

Sampler To S-7



TRI-LEVEL PLAN; BRIGHT, SPACIOUS GATHERING AREAS fill most of the ground floor of this estate home plan. Bayed nook expands naturally sunny kitchen; views of patio and rear yard. Bedrooms upstairs, three-car garage, plus a wealth of storage space below.



U.S. pending home sales edge up in October

WASHINGTON (AP) — Slightly more Americans signed contracts to buy homes in October, a modest rebound after two prior monthly declines. The figures add to evidence that the housing market has lost some of its momentum after rapid sales growth earlier this year.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index rose 0.2 percent to 107.7 last month. The index has increased 3.9 percent over the past 12 months.

"The data suggest that growth in home sales has slowed significantly," said Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

O'Sullivan added, though, that because the reports are so volatile, it may be early to jump

to broader conclusions.

Healthy job gains and low mortgage rates boosted sales for much of the year. But rising home values and limited inventories have limited further growth in the closing months of 2015.

The Realtors reported last week that finalized sales have risen 3.9 percent from a year ago, even as buyers have fewer choices because the number of listings on the market has dropped 4.5 percent. A narrow selection of homes on the market has pushed up sales prices 5.8 percent from a year ago to a median of \$219,600.

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Home sales To S-7

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